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"OUR SCRIPTURES TELL US OF A TIME AND PLACE WHEN THIS WORLD BELONGED TO US, WHEN WE COULD ROAM FREE OF PREJUDICE."

"SUPPOSEDLY, THERE WAS PEACE."

"BUT IF I'VE LEARNED ONE ABSOLUTE IN MY STUDIES OF OUR PASSAGES..."

"...IT'S THAT PEACE IS NEVER CONSTANT."

"THE PAGES REFER TO HIM AS... SAMSUN."

"HIS MAGIC WAS MORE A CURSE IN HIS YOUTH. HIS ACTIONS WERE NOT OF MALICIOUS INTENT THEN. NO, THEY WERE FOR SURVIVAL... AT FIRST, BUT EVENTUALLY, THOSE UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE IN HIS SHADOW WERE TAKEN BY HIS DARKNESS."

"WITHOUT FEASTING ON OUR KIND, ON OUR MAGIC, HE COULD NOT SUSTAIN HIS LIFE FORCE."

"BUT EVENTUALLY... HE CAME TO ENJOY IT."

"HE WAS DEEMED TOO DREADFUL TO LIVE AMONGST THEM..."

"...AND IN THOSE TIMES, AS I'M SURE EVEN YOU BOTH ARE AWARE OF, A COLLECTIVE FEW RULED OVER ALL. THE DECISION WAS THEIRS."



THE ORDER OF FIVE WERE LEFT
WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO IMPOSE
BANISHMENT UPON HIM...

...TO THE VOID
REALM.

"THE REALM, A PLACE
EVERY ONE OF US WHO
SLEEPS MAGIC HOPES TO
NEVER EXPERIENCE. IT'S
DESCRIBED AS MYTH IN
OUR WORLDS BECAUSE
WE WISH IT WERE SO.

"TRAPPED WITH THE VERY
WORST OF OUR KIND, IT
IS A CONFINEMENT ONLY
THE ORDER WOULD
DREAM OF USING.

"YET, THEIR SOLUTION TURNED
OUT TO BE A NIGHTMARE.

"WITH ALL THEIR INFINITE WISDOM,
THE WIZARDS FAILED TO FORESEE
THE INHERENT DANGER IN A
BEING AS VILE AS THIS. HIS MAGIC
WAS A NEW FORM OF DARKNESS,
AND IT CLOUDED THEIR JUDGMENT
WHEN THEY DECIDED HIS FATE.

"A BEING SUCH AS
SANSUN SHOULD NEVER
HAVE BEEN BANISHED.
HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN
EXTERMINATED.

"INSTEAD, HE
WAS LEFT TO HIS
OWN DEVICES."



"CENTURIES PASSED.
SAMSUN GREW OLDER.
STRONGER—WISER.

"EVEN MORE
SURPRISINGLY..



"...HE MADE
COMPANY.

"A FORMIDABLE ALLY PRESENTED ITSELF IN THE
UNLIKELIEST OF PLACES. AND FOR ONCE,
SAMSUN WAS ABLE TO RESIST THE URGE TO
SPILL THE BLOOD OF HIS OWN KIND. FOR A TIME.

"HOWEVER, IT WAS
NOT FRIENDSHIP
HE SOUGHT.



"IT WAS
OPPORTUNITY.

"A MASTER OF CONJURATION, HIS COMPANION
POSSESSED INVALUABLE KNOWLEDGE— HOW
TO ESCAPE THE VOID. YET, HE LACKED THE
NECESSARY POWER TO DO SO HIMSELF.



"BUT WITH SAMSUN,
IT WAS ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME."



SO IS HIS
RETURN.

...

QUITE A BEDTIME
STORY YOU GOT
THERE.



YOU DON'T
BELIEVE ME? FINE. I
DON'T NEED YOU TO.
IT'S YOUR LOSS.

AND YOUR
LIVES.

BUT LIKE YOU
SAID BEFORE, I'M A
BAD LUCK OMEN, RIGHT?
THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD
LISTEN TO YOUR OWN
WARNING. AND... DON'T
TELL ME YOU CAN'T...
FEEL IT, INSIDE?



IF YOU DON'T
CARE-- WHY
TELL US?



BECAUSE THERE
ARE PEOPLE WE CAN
TURN TO. FAR MORE...
CAPABLE THAN US. IF
WE CAN JUST REACH
OUT TO THEM
BEFORE--

FORGET IT,
DRUID.



IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE... AND IT USUALLY IS, WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THIS KIND OF HOCUS POCUS. DO WE LOOK LIKE SORCERERS TO YOU? SO, MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY WHAT LITTLE TIME WE HAVE LEFT OUT IN THE OPEN.



LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE NEEDING THESE ANYMORE.

RIGHT ON!



I'VE BEEN WAITING ALMOST FIVE CENTURIES FOR THIS DAY! YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO LOOK GOOD IN A SWEATSHIRT AND HOODIE?



WAIT, YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS--

--TOO LATE SUDANA, YOU ALREADY CONFIRMED WHAT WE'VE BEEN FEELIN' IN OUR BLOOD FOR DAYS. WE KNOW YOUR WORD IS THE TRUTH, AND YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT-- THERE'S NO ONE GONNA STOP HIS RETURN. THE ORDER IS DEAD. WE'RE ALL DOOMED.

A RECKONIN' I SAY.

CRASH



WE MAY AS WELL BE FREE IN THE MEANTIME. NO MORE HIDING FROM HUMAN SCUM!



YOU FOOLS. THERE IS A CHANCE...





SPARKLES
MY DEAR, WHAT
WOULD I DO
WITHOUT
YOU?

MRRRRMMMM



BE COOL,
HANK.



ON IN 3.
2. 1.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!!
PREPARE YOURSELVES!!

...TO ENTER A REALM BORN OF THE
AMAZING... A PLACE WHERE THE
EXTRAORDINARY IS THE ORDINARY!

THEY'RE
GONNA
LOVE IT!

PREPARE TO BE MYSTIFIED...
PREPARE FOR THE ADVENTURE
AND EXCITEMENT OF...

THE PASSION AND
CHARISMA OF... AND
THE MAGIC OF...

HANK THE
MAGNIFICENT!!!

Druid Scriptures

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*Since translated from Sanskrit



The Void Realm

Regarding all known realms of magical origin, none greater divulge the ever evolving struggle to contain the beings of dark magic more aptly than the setting described. If my avoidance to reference this location by title summons curiosity, be aware of this author's reluctance to voice it aloud. For even in faint whisper, those scarcely associated with said realm irrevocably fall under it's horrifying shadow in due time. Furthermore, once committed to the confines of this geographical calamity, escape is unattainable.

The following scripture entries consist of all available records of said locations' committed inhabitants, including testimonies of their misdeeds, as judged by The Order. Any further opinions are solely those of the respective Druid author's speculative deductions.

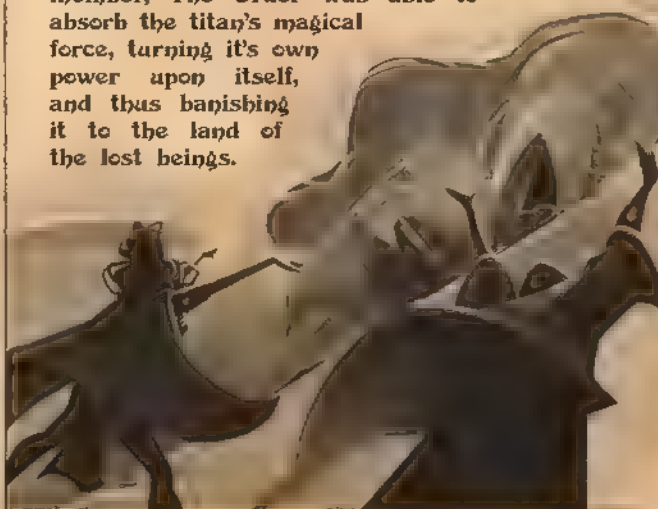
(*Selected, Documented Cases*)

The God of Futility

Some have proclaimed it a God, others merely the last of the great Titans. I find both suggestions to be somewhat misleading. For the ability to reason is the primary distinction of all spirits of the divine, with this being an aptitude this creature has displayed no possession of. In addition, concerning classification as a Titan, we must possess the capability of deriving the roots of lineage regarding origin, which we also cannot. Therefore, it remains unclassified as a creature of unknownst descent, on that of magical creation.

What is known, however, is this being can be credited as both the creator of the dark realm, as well as the first banished unto it under law of the Order. It's terrifying appearance and size produced ample worshippers born of fear. This being is said to have devoured nearly five hundred thousand beings of magic, pre-evolved humanoids, as well as several species of Mesozoic creatures. It is said the aforementioned realm was originally shaped to exile all those living forms deemed unacceptable of living in his realm to this leviathan.

Yet it was this very dimension that would serve as The Order's solution to rid our land of this colossus of despair. Combining the might of every sworn member, The Order was able to absorb the titan's magical force, turning it's own power upon itself, and thus banishing it to the land of the lost beings.



Lar Ka Rel

The creature known as Lar Ka Rel exists as a terrible footnote of the dangers of undocumented magical beings. Ka Rel's life force remained free of classification by The Order due to an ongoing civil war with the Druids of the period. As a result, no history of its lineage or species remained on paper until Ka Rel's misdeeds.

Ka Rel possessed an appetite for the taste of organs of both magic and humanoid descent, and hiding his prizes below the surface of the earth. His dwelling was said to house over a hundred thousand remains alone. An unfathomable number in accordance with one being. It was this craving for flesh and blood which led to an attack and murder of the Druid named Canter, a mistake which would expose his existence to The Order.

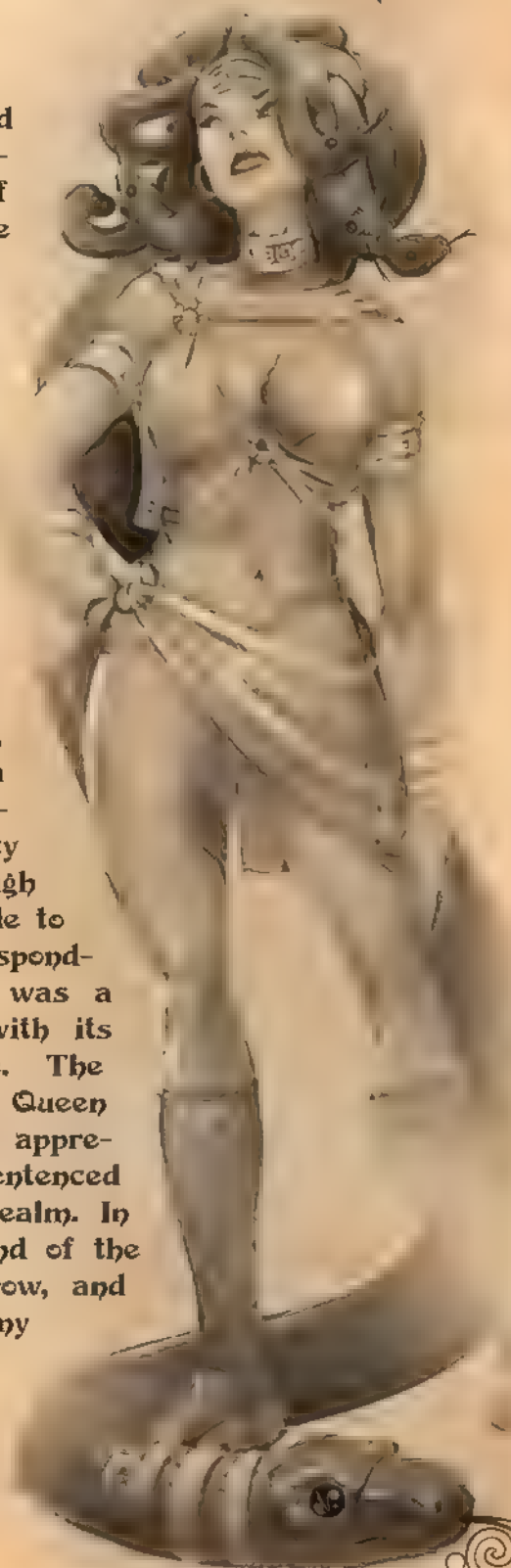
Upon learning of said creature, The Order's underlings set forth on a perilous search to rid our world of this abomination, a mission which would serve to end the life forces of more than a dozen of the Order's best subjects in the process. Eventually, the wizard Kon took it upon himself to hunt down the malevolent creature and issue the reptilian's banishment to the Realm.

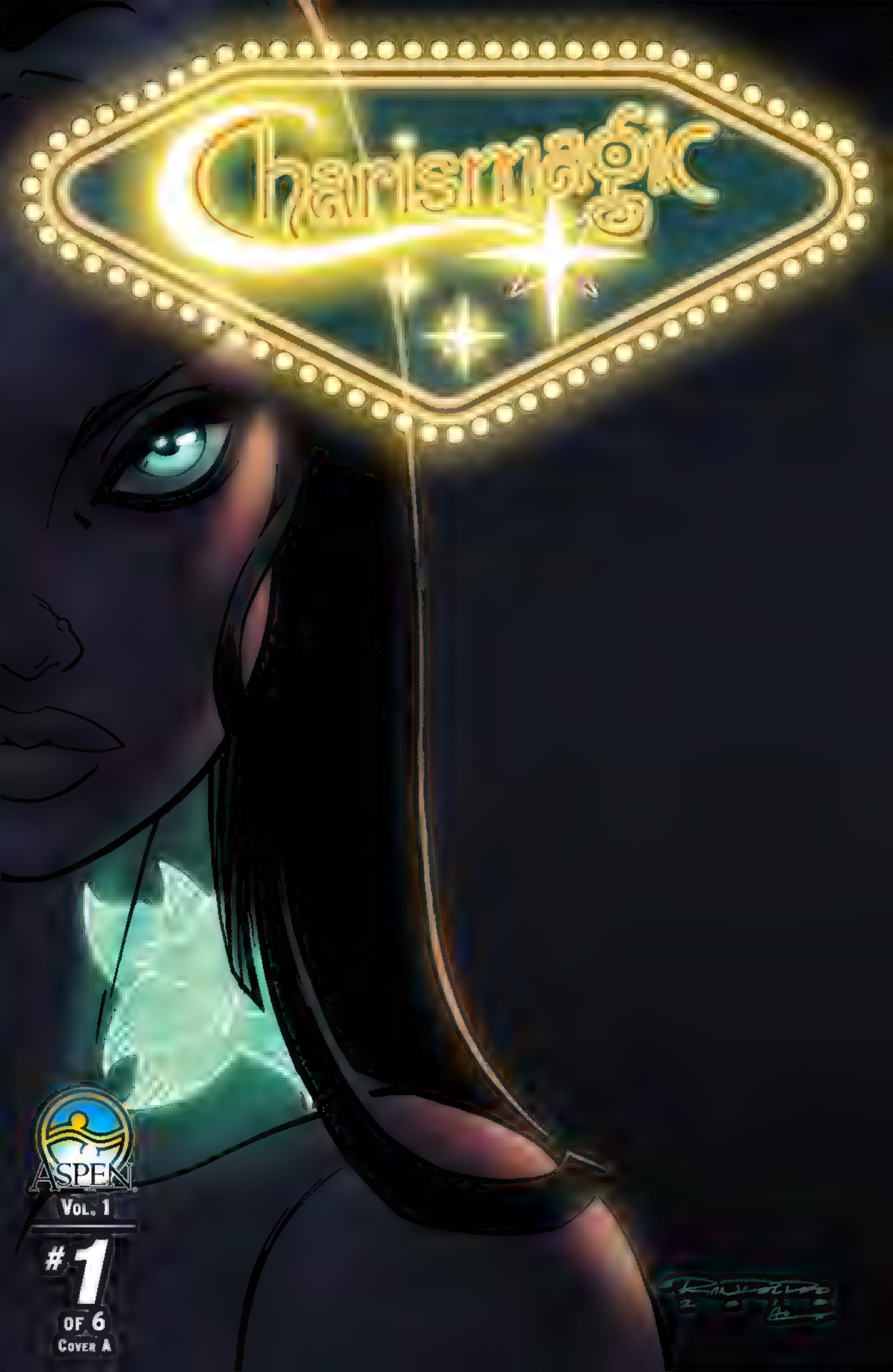


The Charmer Queen

Her Gorgon tale of humanoid legend serves well as a diversion from the factual history of the magical being known as the Charmer Queen. In contrast to the legend spread of her origin, never has a distinction existed between her normal form and that of the illustrated form within these scriptures. They are as one.

Born of an amalgamation of both humanoid form and magic, her desires and motives drew heavily on the latter. Her actions reflect her cold-blooded nature, as well as the results only a beauty such as hers could produce. With the magical inherency able to charm creatures through sight or sound, this being was able to construct an army capable of responding to her very whim. For it was a legion that shook the ground with its power, yet awoke the Order's ire. The Queen's army, in addition to the Queen Charmer herself, were eventually apprehended by The Order, and sentenced to a life sentence within the Realm. In her forced confinement, the legend of the Charmer Queen continues to grow, and it is said she commands an army derived from stone, the most abundant of resources in her murky sanctuary.





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KNOW about
magic will
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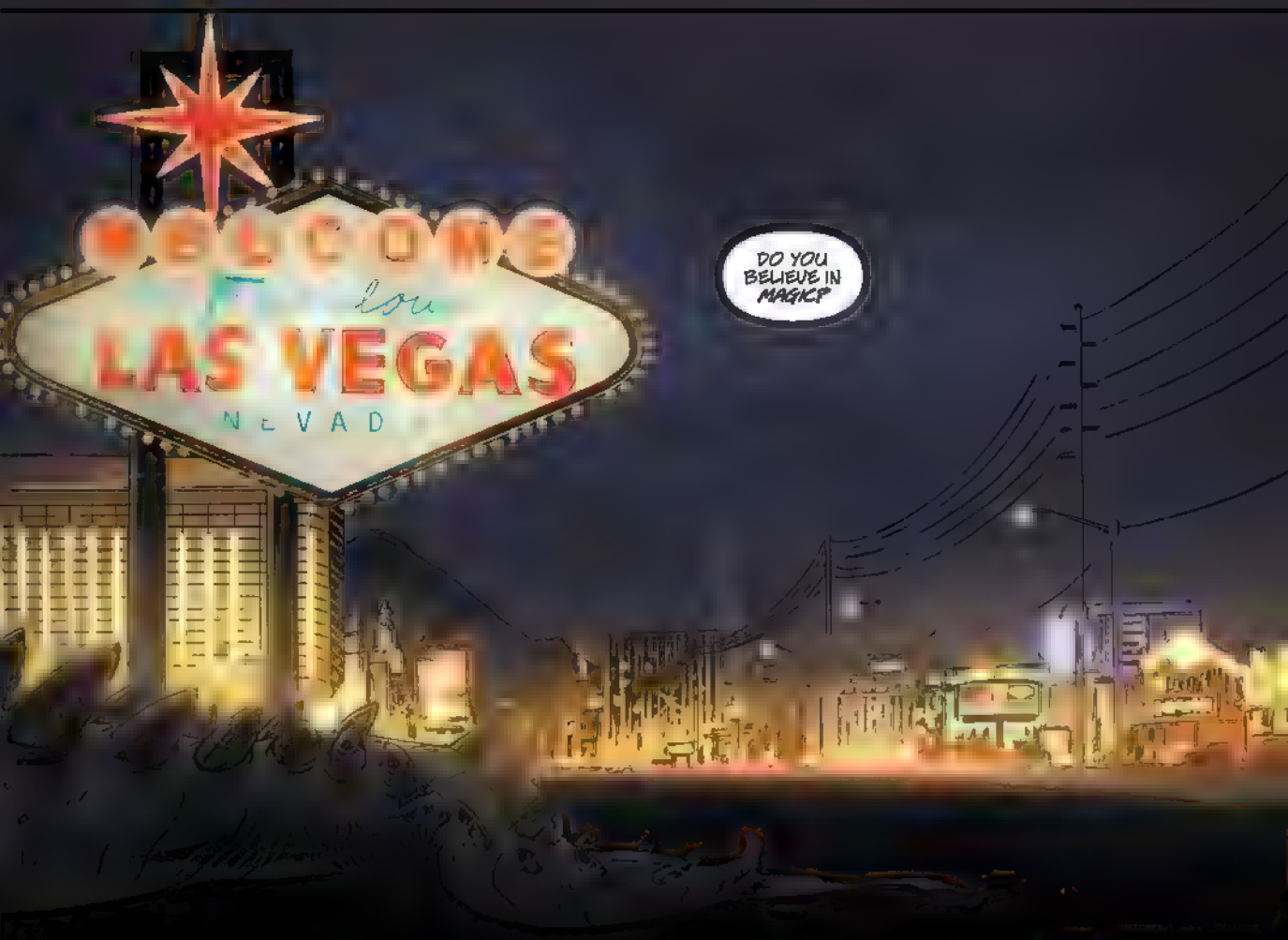
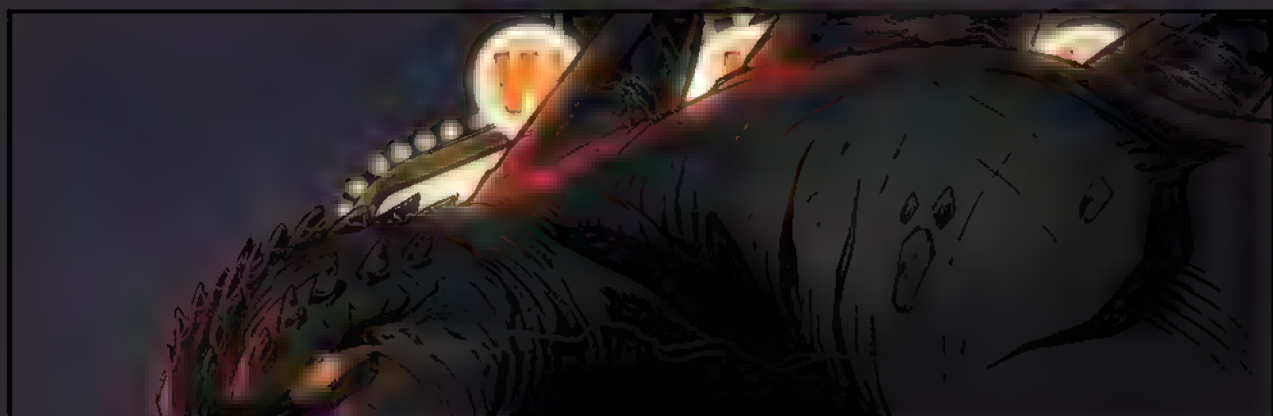
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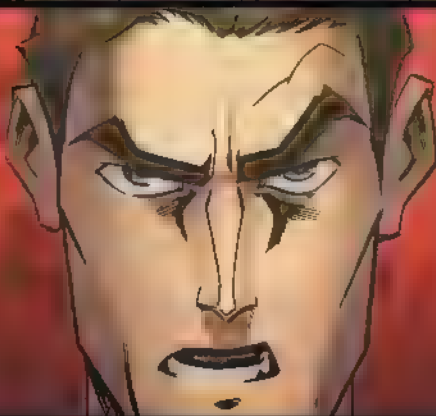
ARE YOU EAGER
TO TRANSCEND THE
TRAPPINGS OF
YOUR REALITY?

TO DISCOVER A
MYSTIC FORCE GREATER
THAN ANYTHING YOUR MIND
COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE,
OR COMPREHEND-- YET
YOU STILL BELIEVE?

BECAUSE IF
YOU DO...



...THEN
FREE YOUR
IMAGINATION...



...AND
PREPARE
YOURSELVES
FOR...

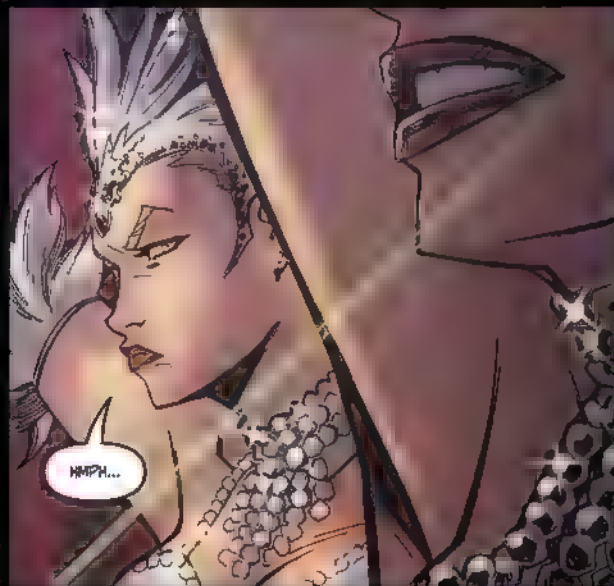
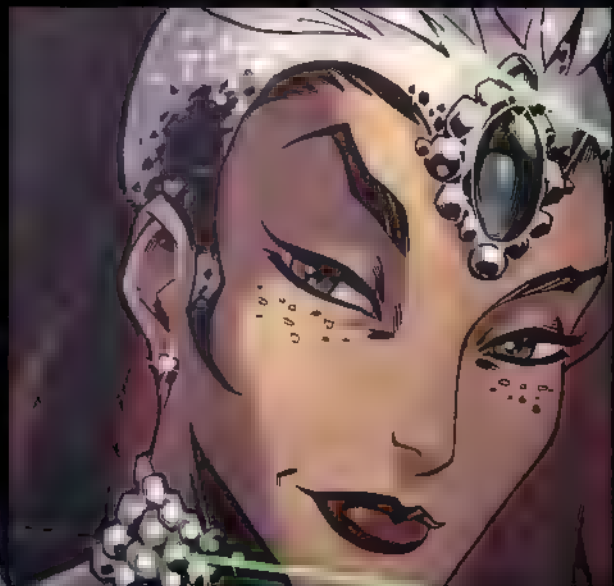


...THE
INCREDIBLE!!!





WITH THE HELP
OF MY LOVELY
ASSISTANTS, I WILL
ENTER A WORLD
WHERE MAGIC NOT
ONLY EXISTS-- BUT
THEY'RE!

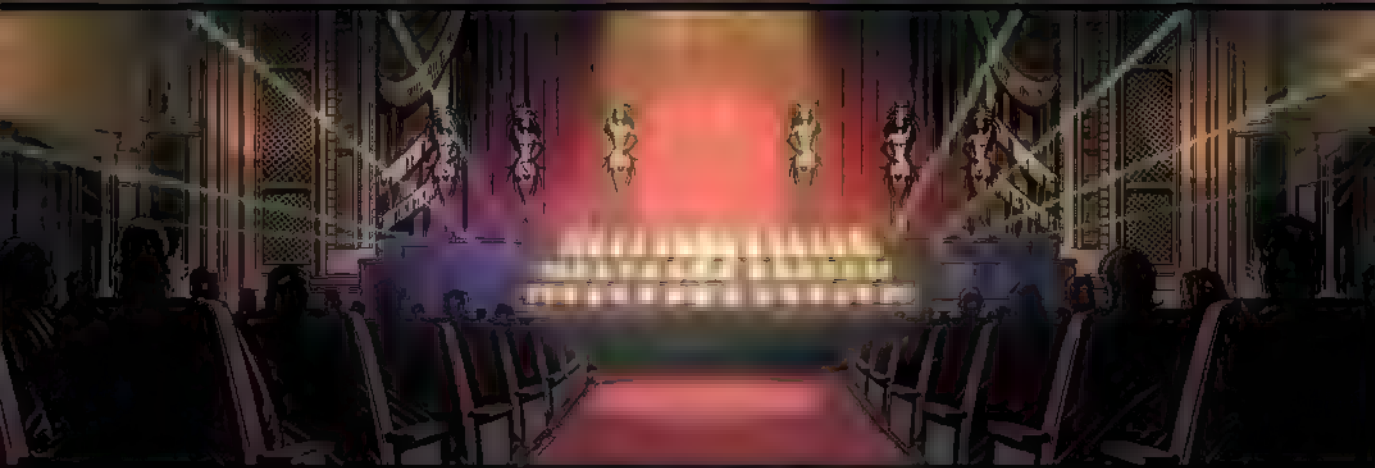
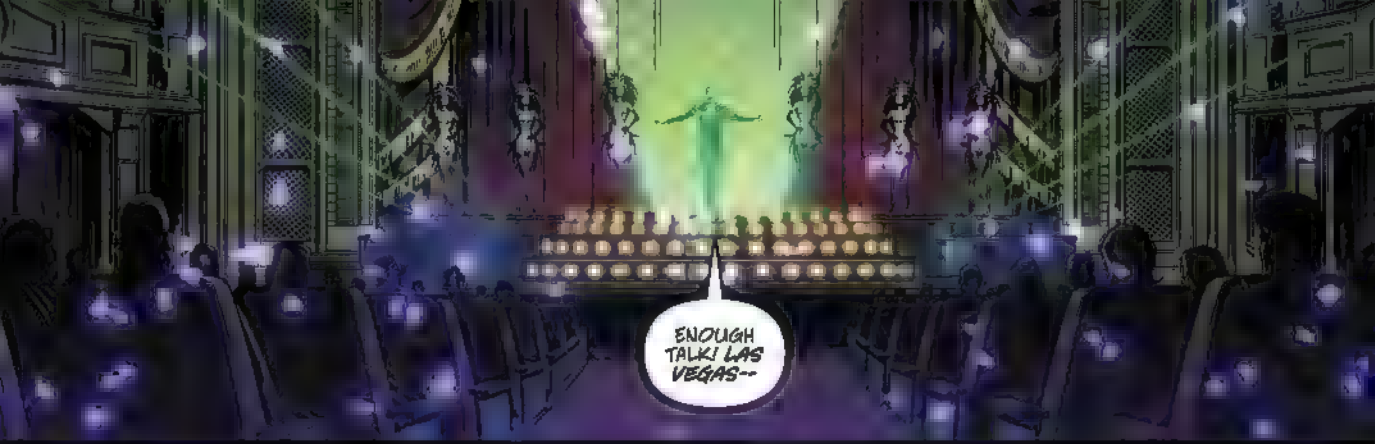


HAH...



HOWEVER...

...THERE IS NO
GUARANTEE... I
WILL RETURN





CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP

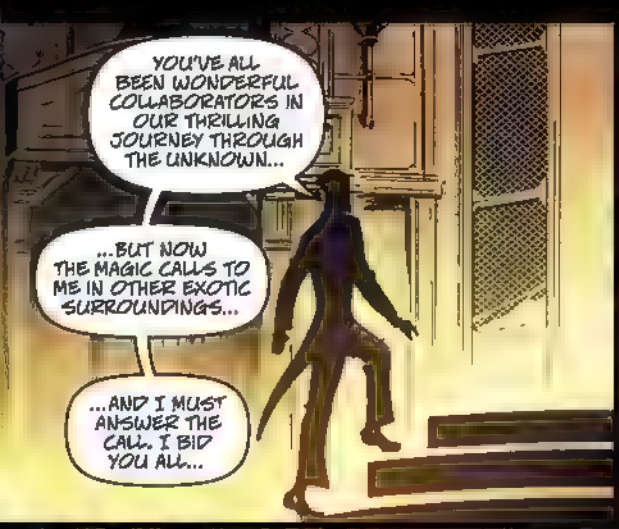
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!



THANK Y--



--YOU



YOU'VE ALL
BEEN WONDERFUL
COLLABORATORS IN
OUR THRILLING
JOURNEY THROUGH
THE UNKNOWN...

...BUT NOW
THE MAGIC CALLS TO
ME IN OTHER EXOTIC
SURROUNDINGS...

...AND I MUST
ANSWER THE
CALL. I BID
YOU ALL...



...FAREWELL!

CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP



ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME??

IT'S HARD NOT TO HEAR YOU WHEN YOU'RE SCREAMING IN MY FACE.

DON'T GIVE ME THAT, I SAW THE LOOK YOU GAVE THE NEW GIRL. DON'T ACT ALL INNOCENT!

HELLO?

HEY, PICK UP THE PHONE. I SAW YOU. IN THE AUDIENCE TONIGHT, CALL ME BACK.

HANK!!

I DIDN'T LEAVE A GOOD-PAYING JOB IN L.A. TO BECOME SOME BACKUP DANCER TO YOU, WHILE YOU GO AND FLIRT WITH EVERY FRESH PIECE OF A\$\$ IN TOWN!

WELL, REALLY, YOU NEED TO STOP. YOU'RE MAKING THIS UP IN YOUR HEAD.

YOU SHOULD TALK.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN???

HMPH

... IT MEANS... NOTHING. FORGET IT. LOOK I'M TIRED, CAN THIS WAIT 'TILL THE MORNING?

WHATEVER. I'M GOING OUT.

STOP HERE!

YEAH... WHATEVER.



LATER THAT NIGHT...

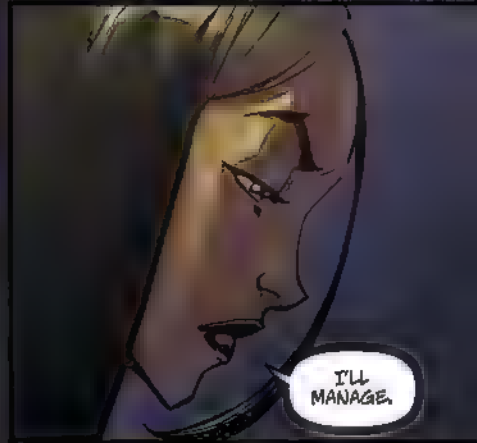


HEY GIRL.

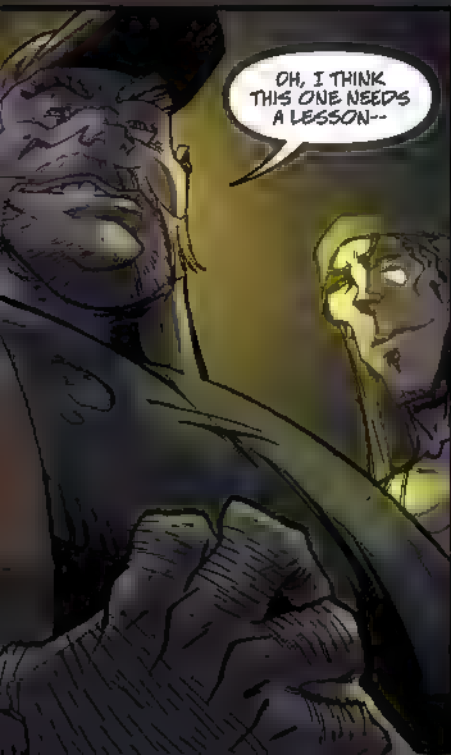


WHAT'S A FINE
PIECE A' TAIL LIKE
YOU DOIN' OUT
HERE ALL BY
YERSELF?

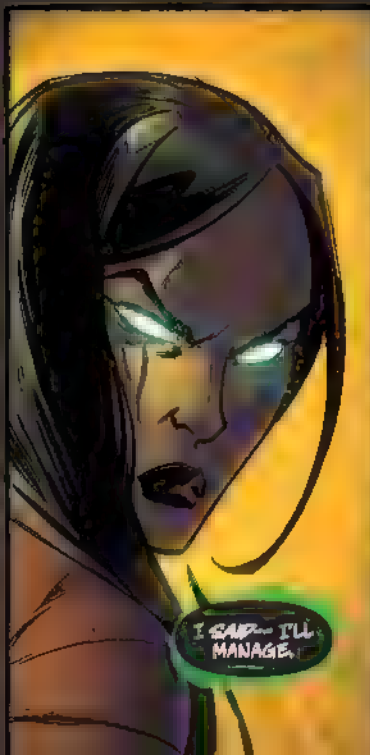
YEAH, DON'T
YOU KNOW ANY
BETTER? THIS AIN'T
A PLACE FOR A
GAL LIKE YOU.



I'LL
MANAGE.



OH, I THINK
THIS ONE NEEDS
A LESSON--



I SAID-- I'LL
MANAGE.

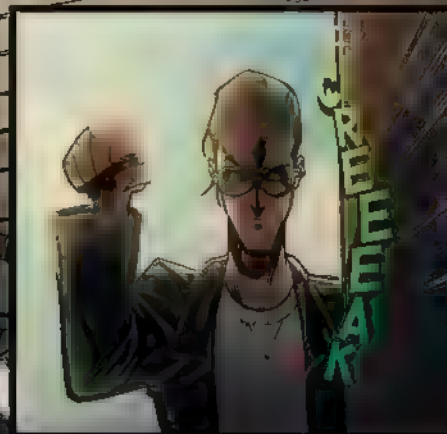
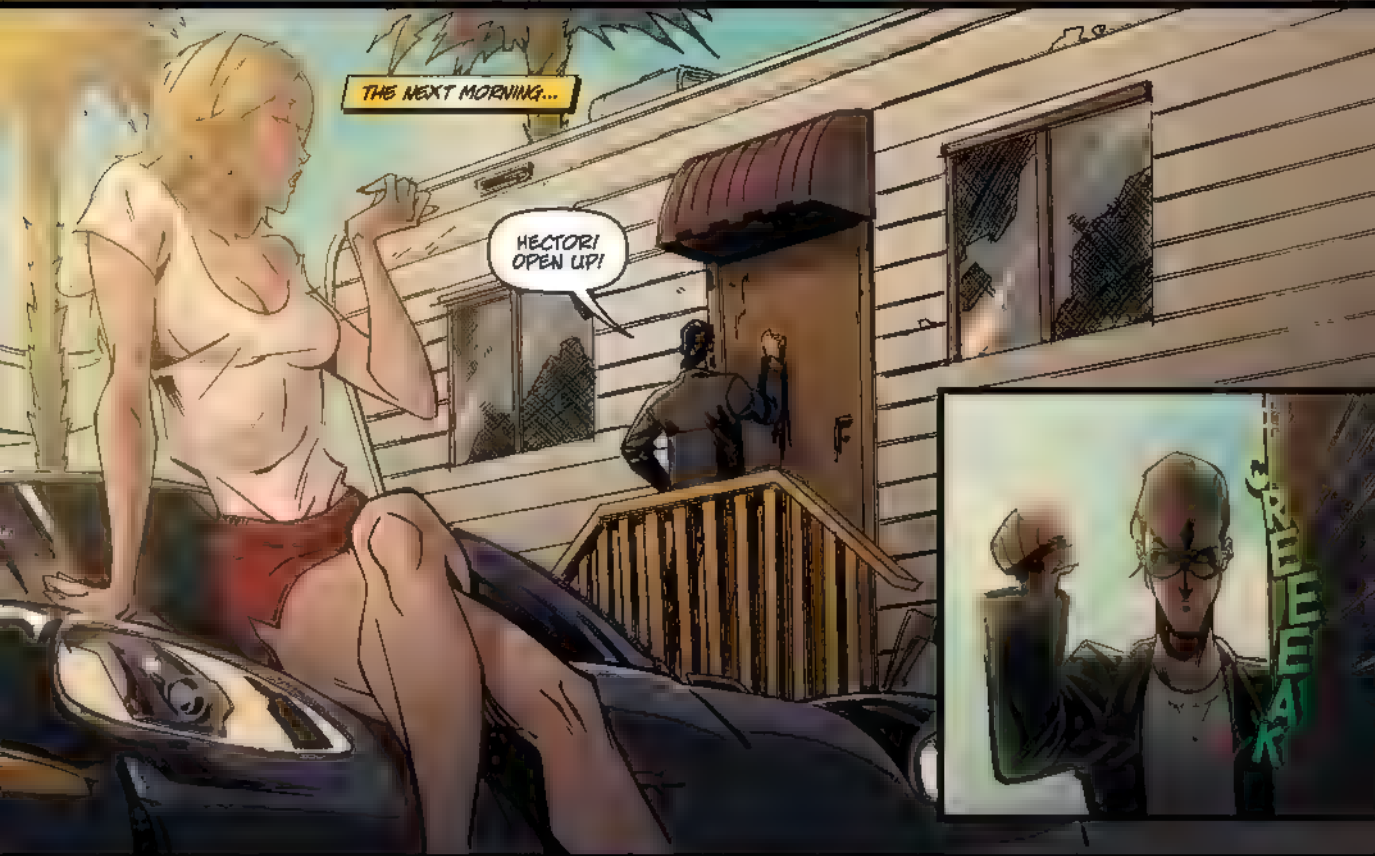


WHAT THE F&K ARE
YOU?

C'MON MAN,
LET'S GET THE
HELL OUT
A' HERE!

YEAH,
FORGET
THIS.

FREAKSHOW.





NOTHING'S GOIN' ON. I'M SHARPER THAN EVER.

IT LOOKS LIKE CRAP IN HERE, AND WHY ALL THE PAPERS EVERYWHERE? AND WHY WERE YOU AT MY SHOW AGAIN LAST NIGHT? YOU KNOW YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY A TICKET TO TALK TO ME. HERE--

I BROUGHT YOU A TICKET FOR TONIGHT.



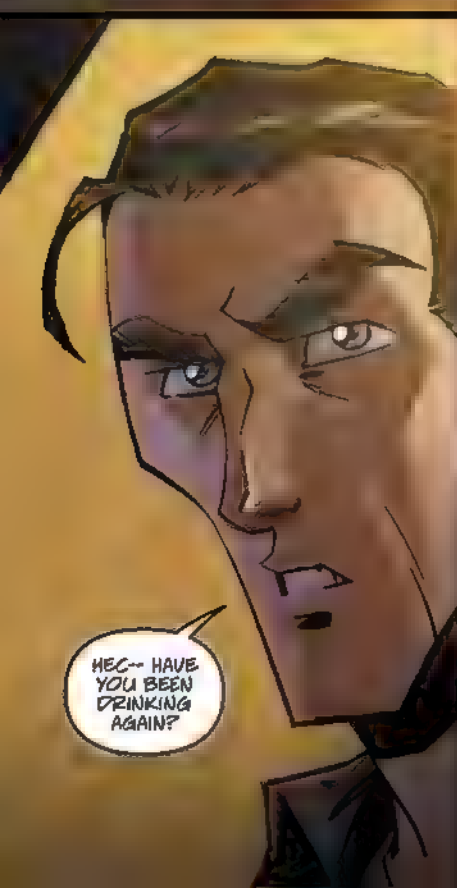
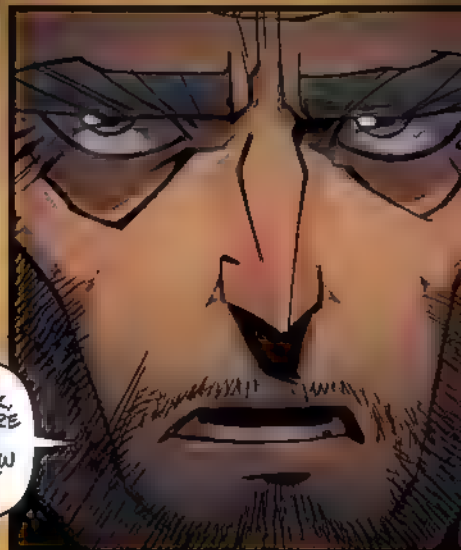
I'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED YOUR SHOW. WELL, CHARMAGNE. NOT THAT CRAP ONE YOU PASSED OFF AS A PERFORMANCE BEFORE YOU MET ME.

SEEING YOU UP THERE, ON STAGE... IT GIVES ME... PEACE. REMINDS ME OF MY OWN TIME UP THERE... THE LIGHTS. THE ROARS OF APPLAUSE. THE SPECTACLE.

SIGH

BUT, LAST NIGHT?

LAST NIGHT HANK, I WAS THERE TO CATCH YOUR SHOW ONE LAST TIME.



HEC-- HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING AGAIN?

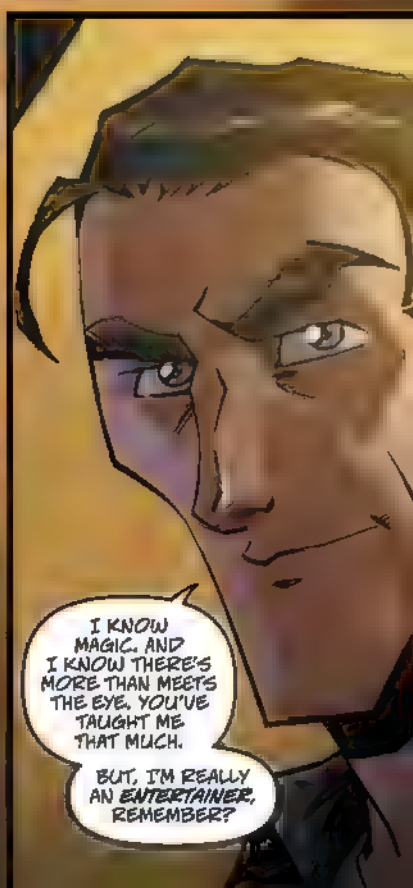


YES, BUT THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE. JUST SHUT UP AND LISTEN. THOSE AREN'T JUST PAPERS IN YOUR HANDS. THEY'RE NOT EVEN REALLY MADE OF PAPER, ACTUALLY.

NO, THOSE ARE DRUID SCRIPTURES.

COME AGAIN?

YOU KNOW, IF YOU MAKE A LIVING AS A MAGICIAN, IT WOULDN'T HURT YOU TO STUDY UP A BIT ON MAGIC.



I KNOW MAGIC. AND I KNOW THERE'S MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE. YOU'VE TAUGHT ME THAT MUCH.

BUT, I'M REALLY AN ENTERTAINER. REMEMBER?



AH, YOU'LL NEVER LET ME LIVE THAT LINE DOWN, HUH? YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER KID. I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.

BUT, YOU STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN.



AHA!



HERE, SEE FOR YOURSELF.

HE LOOKS FRIENDLY.

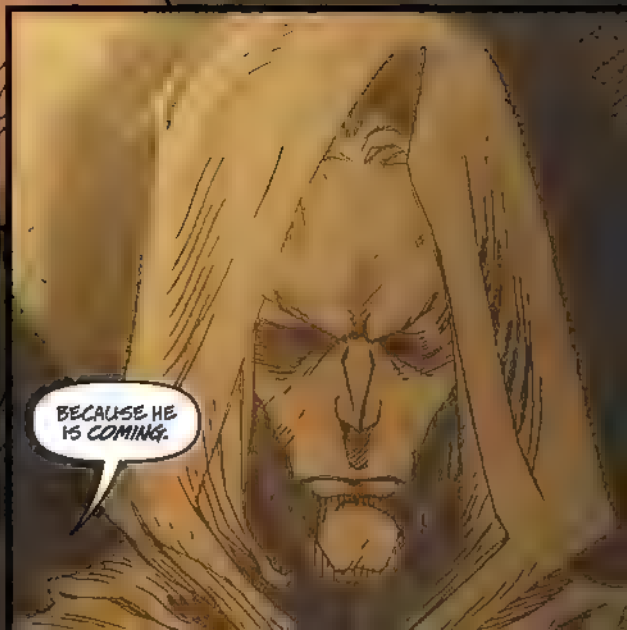
THE LEGEND OF SAMSON IS ANYTHING BUT FRIENDLY.



IT'S FILLED WITH BLOOD AND DEATH.

INCOMPREHENSIBLE ACTS.

WHY ARE YOU SHOWING ME THIS?



BECAUSE HE IS COMING.

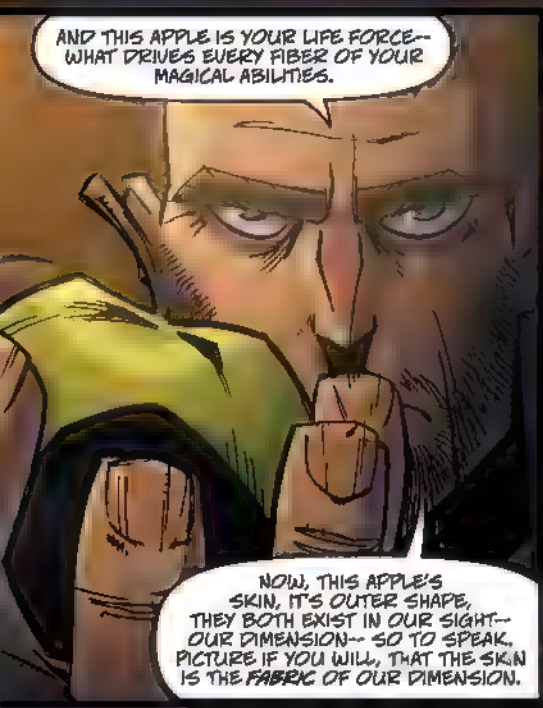


WHAT, HERE? VEGAS? HE'D FIT RIGHT IN WITH THIS LOT OF FREAKS.

THIS ISN'T A GODDAMN JOKE, HANK. THERE ARE THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT MAGIC.

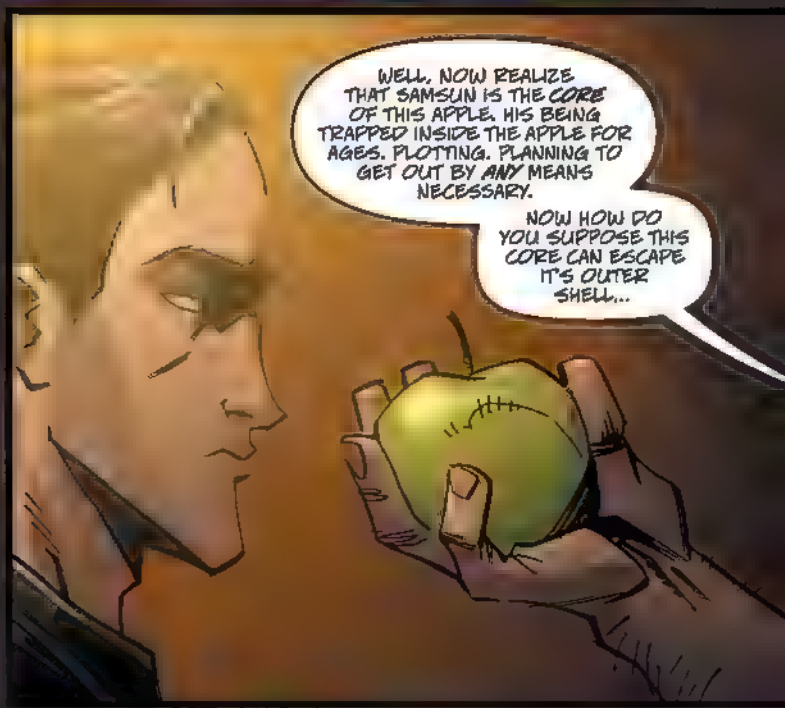
ABOUT WHAT FUELS IT.

IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT YOU'RE A BEING OF MAGIC.



AND THIS APPLE IS YOUR LIFE FORCE-- WHAT DRIVES EVERY FIBER OF YOUR MAGICAL ABILITIES.

NOW, THIS APPLE'S SKIN, IT'S OUTER SHAPE, THEY BOTH EXIST IN OUR SIGHT-- OUR DIMENSION-- SO TO SPEAK, PICTURE IF YOU WILL, THAT THE SKIN IS THE FABRIC OF OUR DIMENSION.

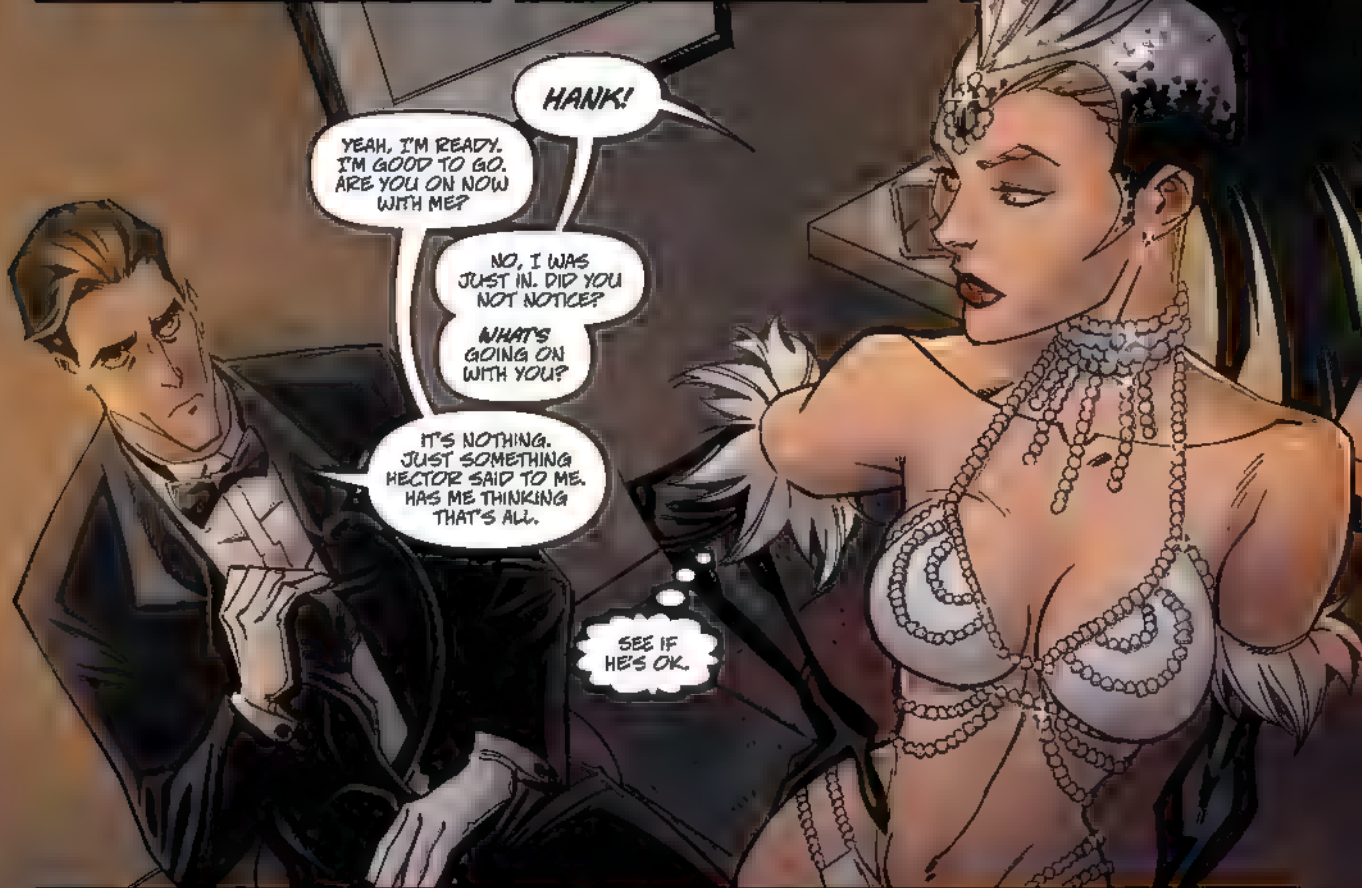
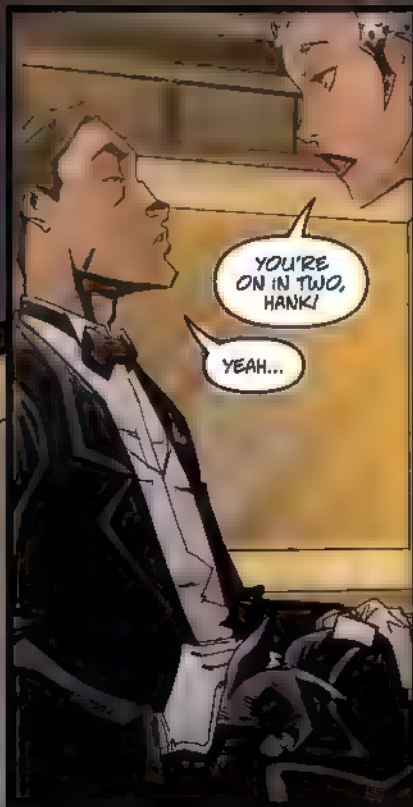


WELL, NOW REALIZE THAT SAMSUN IS THE CORE OF THIS APPLE. HIS BEING TRAPPED INSIDE THE APPLE FOR AGES. PLOTTING. PLANNING TO GET OUT BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

NOW HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE THIS CORE CAN ESCAPE IT'S OUTER SHELL...



...WITHOUT DESTROYING THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR DIMENSION?



NO, I WAS
JUST IN. DID YOU
NOT NOTICE?

WHAT'S
GOING ON
WITH YOU?

IT'S NOTHING.
JUST SOMETHING
HECTOR SAID TO ME.
HAS ME THINKING
THAT'S ALL.

SEE IF
HE'S OK.



STONEHENGE.

S000, IT'S
JUST A BUNCH
OF ROCKS?

IT'S NOT
JUST A BUNCH
OF ROCKS! IT'S
HISTORY.

WELL WITH
THE LONG RIDE
OVER, I GUESS I
WAS EXPECTING
MORE.

MORE? NOBODY
CAN EXPLAIN HOW THESE
ENDED UP HERE. IT'S
MIRACULOUS. IT HAS TO
MEAN SOMETHING,
DON'T YA THINK?

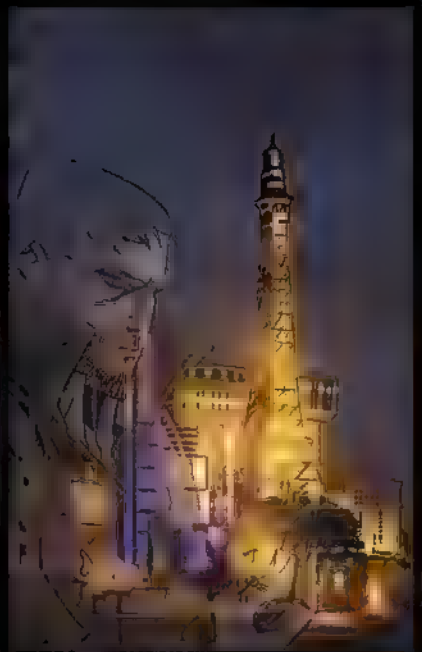
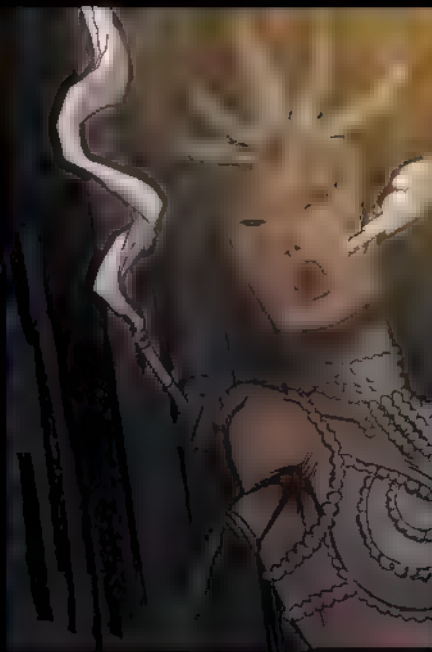
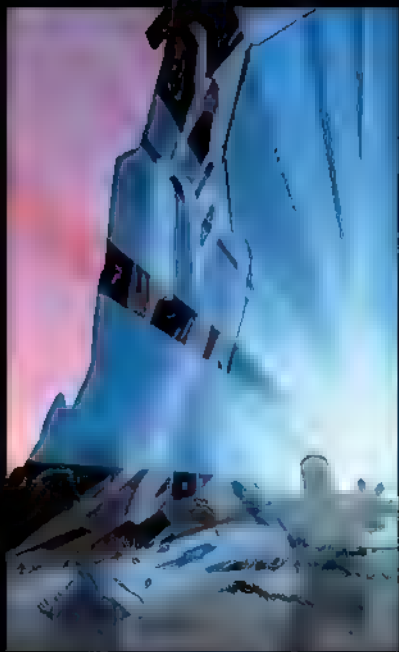
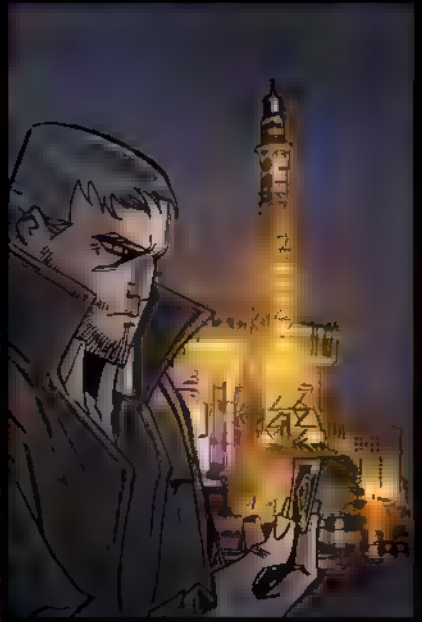
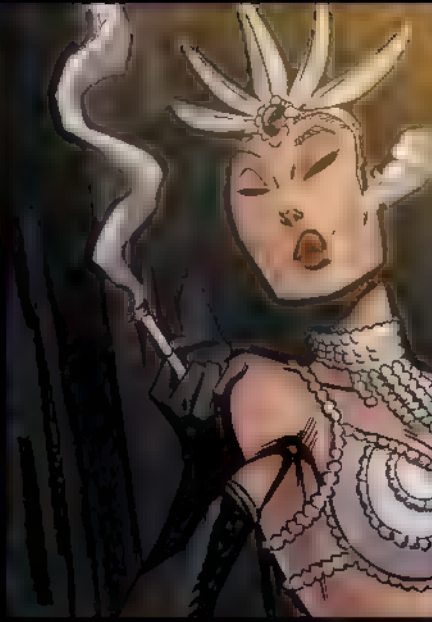
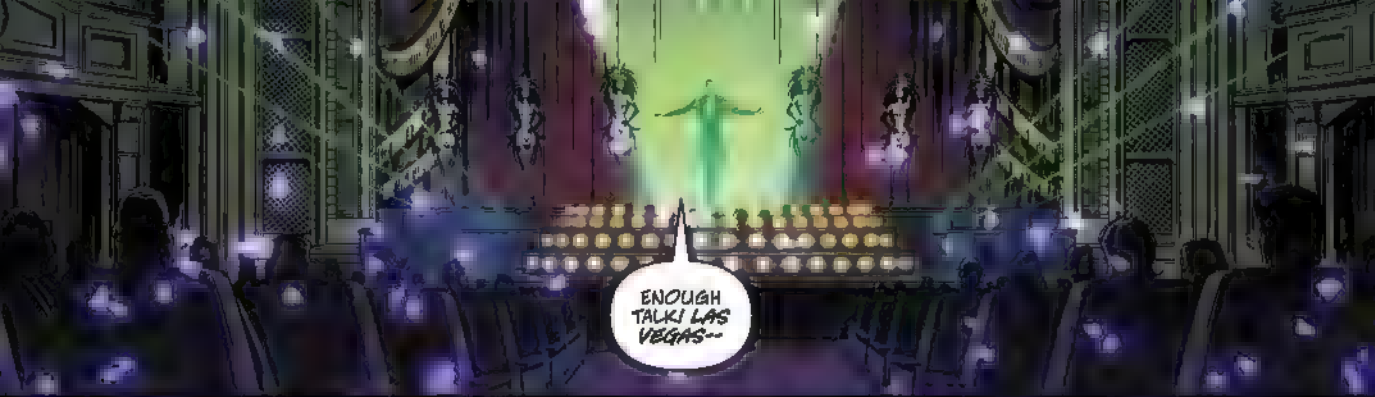
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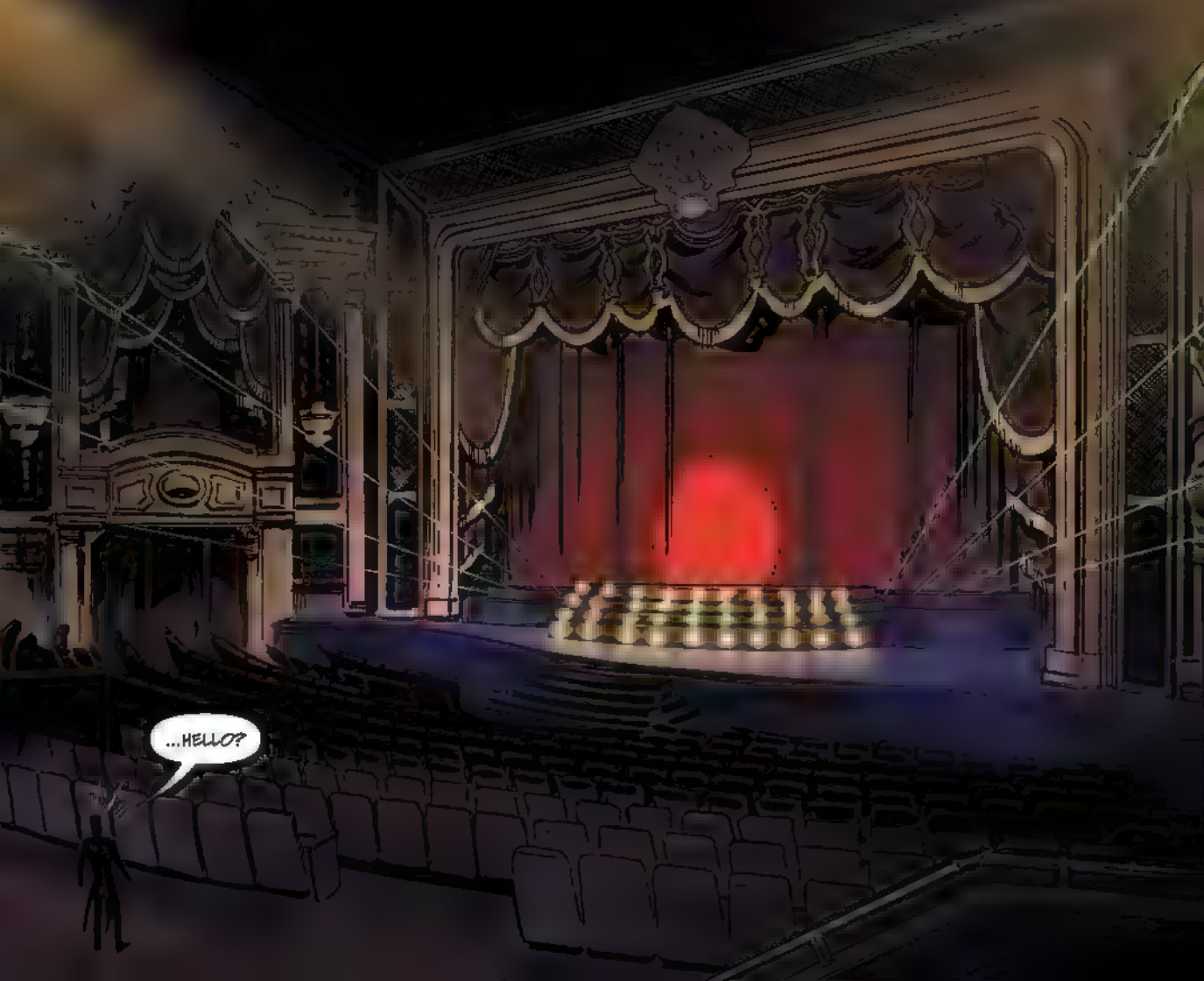
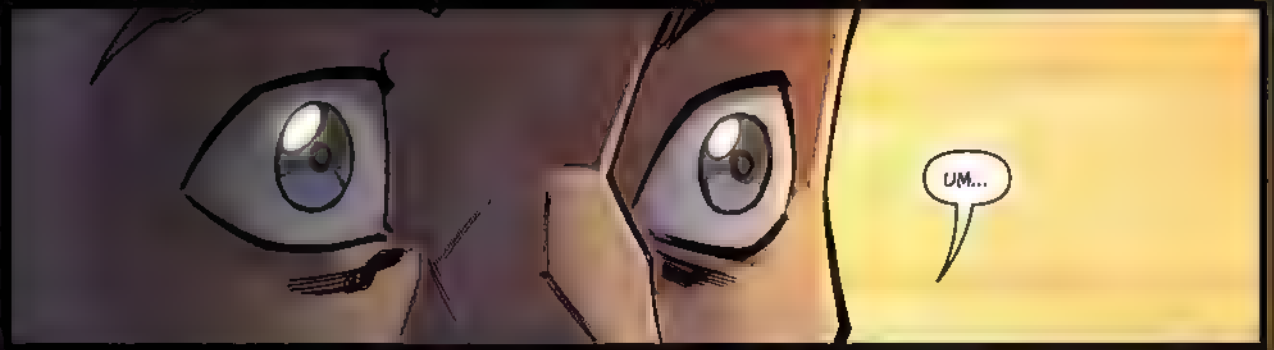
I KNOW,
RIGHT??

NO... TURN
AROUND.

I THINK
WE SHOULD
LEAVE--
NOW.

R
U
M
B
L
E







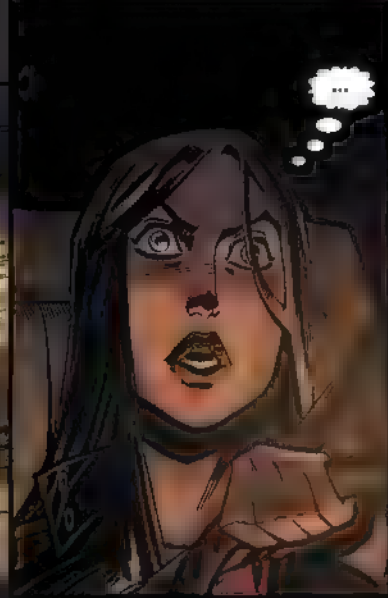
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LAST...

BA-DOOM



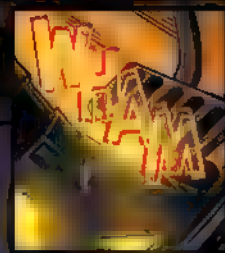
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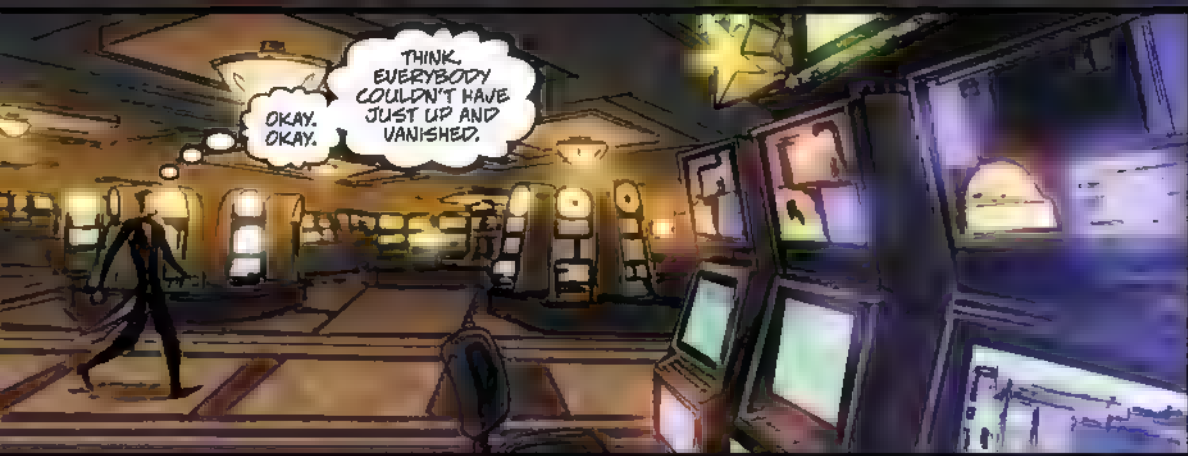




SHIT.

GOTTA HURRY!







--DOWN
HERE.

I THINK IT'S
TIME WE HAD
A TALK.

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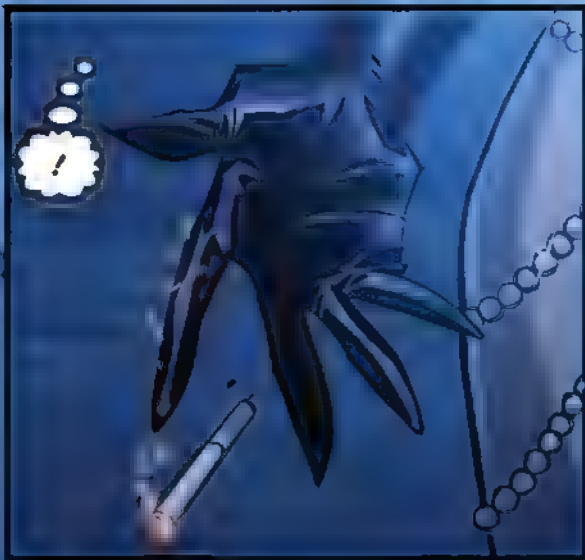
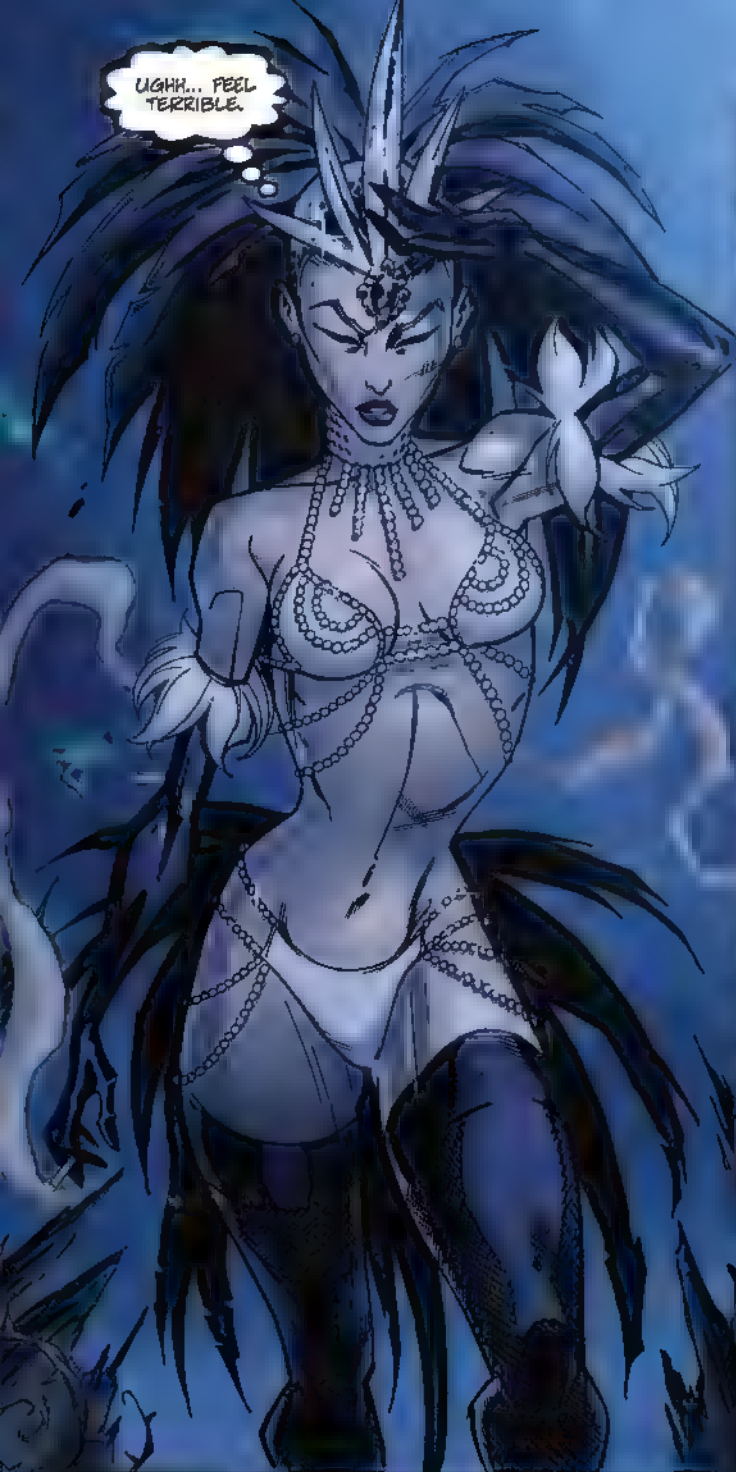
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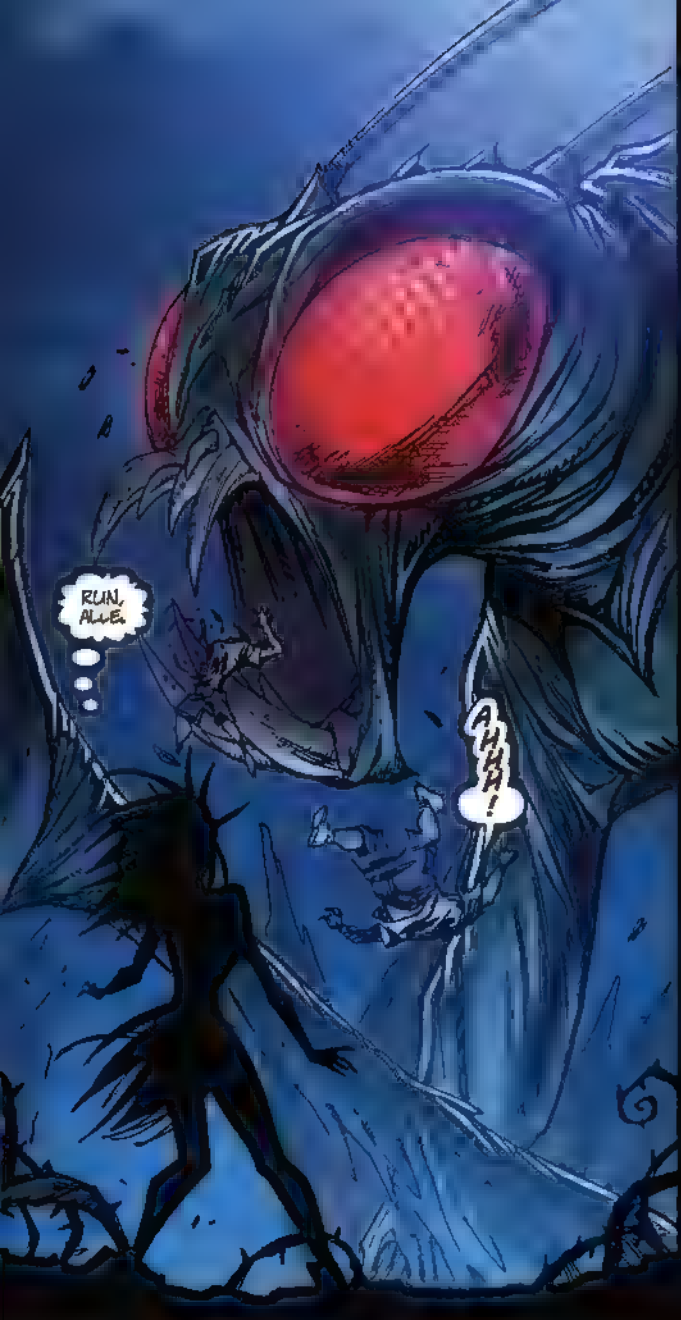


WHERE AM I?

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!

NOOOOOO!!!

THERE'S EVERYWHERE!!!





TAKE IT, ROACHES!

HECTOR!

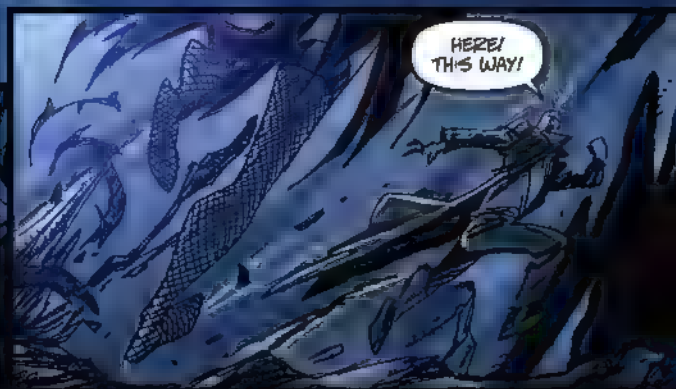
ALLE! THIS WAY!



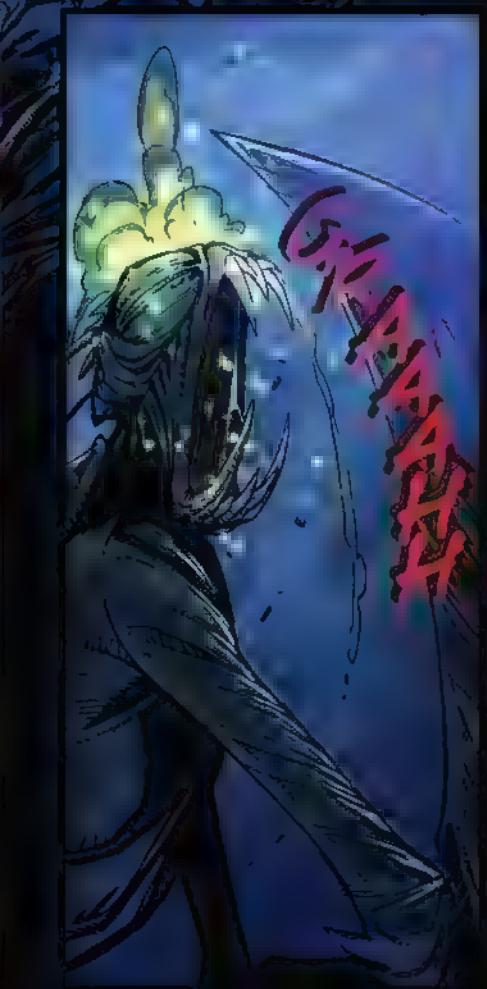
HURRY!

WHAT'S GOING ON??

I'LL TELL YOU SOON. BUT FIRST WE NEED TO GET OUTTA HERE!



HERE! THIS WAY!



GRAAAH



WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS HECTOR?? WHERE ARE WE?

WE MUST BE SILENT. I NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN'T SEE US IN HERE.

WHOP



ANYONE.

I'M REALLY COLD.

THANKS.



THE WORST HAS HAPPENED. MAGIC HAS TURNED AGAINST US AND LEFT US HERE TO DIE IN THIS VOID. NOW...

... WE'RE ON OUR OWN, ALLE.



LAS VEGAS,
NEVADA.

WHAT
THE HELL
IS GOING
ON??

SPARKLES,
YOU CAN... TALK?
HOLY \$HIT, I MUST
BE LOSING MY
MIND.

YOU'RE NOT
LOSING YOUR
MIND. NOTHING'S
CHANGED.



WELL...



... BESIDES THE
FACT THAT EVERY
HUMAN BEING HAS
VANISHED BEFORE
OUR EYES.



THIS IS A
DREAM. HAS TO BE,
RIGHT? MAN, I DON'T
REMEMBER DRINKING
LAST NIGHT--

--CALM
DOWN. IT'S NOT
A DREAM. YOU'RE
WIDE AWAKE,
TRUST ME.

CATS DON'T
TALK!

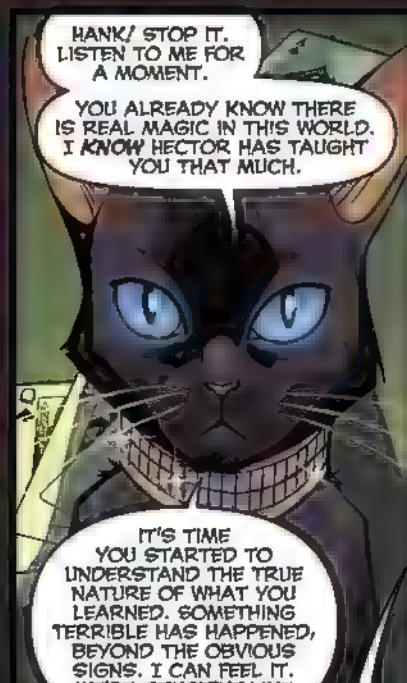


HEY!

YES, WE DO. AND
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE.
LISTEN HANK, THERE ARE
THINGS YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT ME.
ABOUT MAGIC.

I KNOW
ABOUT MAGIC,
SPARKLES!

LISTEN TO ME, I'M
ARGUING WITH MY CAT. I
GOTTA FIGURE OUT WHAT'S
GOING ON AND FAST.



HANK/ STOP IT.
LISTEN TO ME FOR
A MOMENT.

YOU ALREADY KNOW THERE
IS REAL MAGIC IN THIS WORLD.
I KNOW HECTOR HAS TAUGHT
YOU THAT MUCH.

IT'S TIME
YOU STARTED TO
UNDERSTAND THE TRUE
NATURE OF WHAT YOU
LEARNED. SOMETHING
TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED,
BEYOND THE OBVIOUS
SIGNS. I CAN FEEL IT.
WE'RE SENSITIVE LIKE
THAT.

WHO,
CATS?



NO,
NOT CATS.
MAGICAL
BEINGS.

WE FEEL
DIFFERENTLY
FROM YOU. OUR
GENETICS ARE A
FAR CRY FROM
THE HUMAN
MAKEUP.

WAIT, BACK IT
UP SPARKLES. I'M
STILL WRAPPING MY BRAIN
AROUND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE
APPARENTLY MAGICAL~ AND YOU
CAN SPEAK! HOW LONG HAVE
YOU BEEN ABLE TO
DO THAT?

SINCE
BIRTH.



WHAT??
AND YOU JUST
DECIDED TO USE
YOUR VOICE
NOW?

AS YOU'VE JUST
PROVEN, HUMANS
AREN'T KNOWN FOR
OPENLY ACCEPTING
THE UNKNOWN. AND
BESIDES...

...WE HAVE
RULES, TOO.

THIS IS
ALL TOO MUCH
RIGHT NOW.



IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU DIDN'T
ALREADY KNOW
MAGIC EXISTED.

WHY IS EVERYONE
GONE, SPARKLES? DID
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO
DO WITH THIS? YOU'RE
STILL MY PET DON'T
FORGET!

EASY THERE!
I'M THE ONLY
FRIEND YOU HAVE
RIGHT NOW. I'D
SUGGEST
YOU---

HAHAHAHAHA!

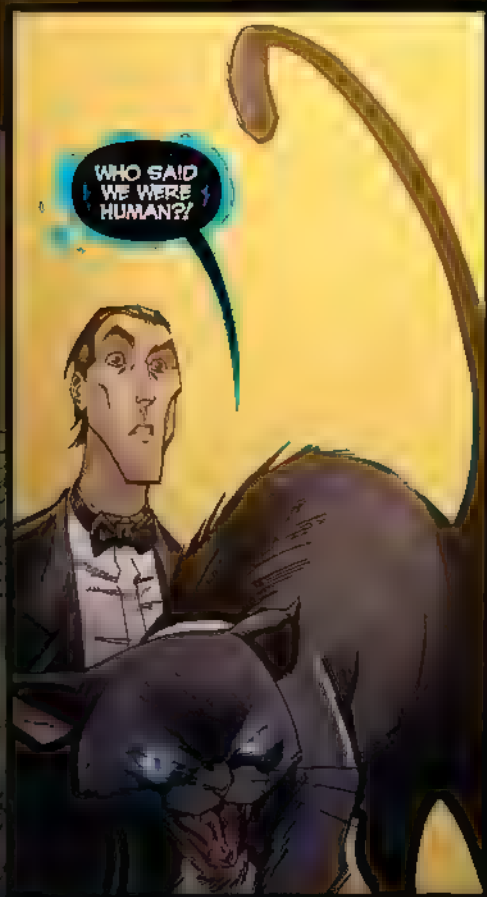
DID YOU
HEAR THAT?!
A HUMAN!

NOT
HUMANS.

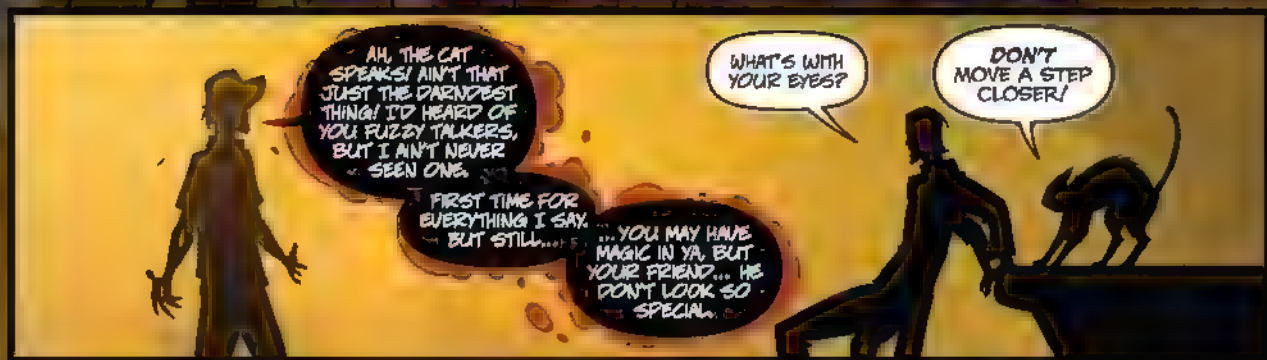


WELL
I'LL BE.

THOUGHT ALL
YOU HUMANS UP
AND VANISHED?



WHO SAID
WE WERE
HUMAN?



AH, THE CAT
SPEAKS! AIN'T THAT
JUST THE DARDEST
THING! I'D HEARD OF
YOU FUZZY TALKERS,
BUT I AIN'T NEVER
SEEN ONE.

FIRST TIME FOR
EVERYTHING I SAY
BUT STILL...

... YOU MAY HAVE
MAGIC IN YA, BUT
YOUR FRIEND... HE
DON'T LOOK SO
SPECIAL.

WHAT'S WITH
YOUR EYES?

DON'T
MOVE A STEP
CLOSER!



I GOT
NO BAD
INTENTIONS,
CRITTER, EVEN
WITH YOUR
HUMAN. JUST
MINDIN' MY
OWN.

BUT MY NEW
FRIEND... WELL,
HE GETS REAL
HUNGRY— REAL
FAST...

THUD

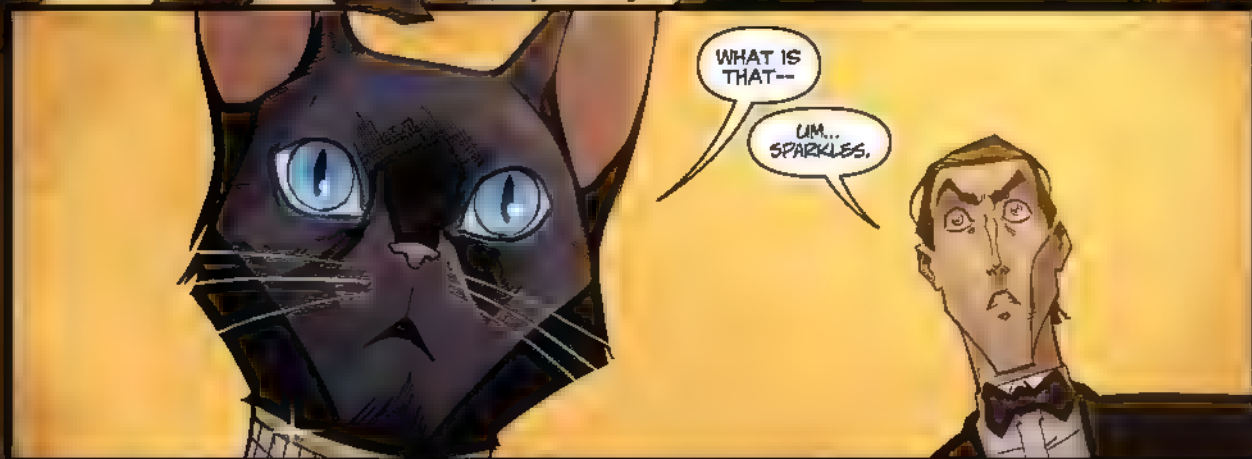
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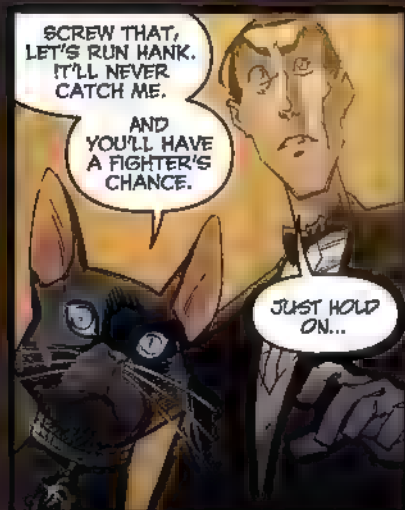
KR-RASH

...AND HUMAN
FLESH IS HIS
FAVORITE
SNACK!



WHAT IS
THAT--

UM...
SPARKLES.







GOT ANYTHING BIGGER?



DON'T DROWN IN THAT, HONEY.

SHUT IT, BUG BRAIN.

TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE.



WHAT KIND OF WOOD IS THIS BAR MADE OF?

YOU PEOPLE EVER HEAR OF MARBLE?



I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE OUT OF YOU TWO. BEHAVE YOURSELVES!



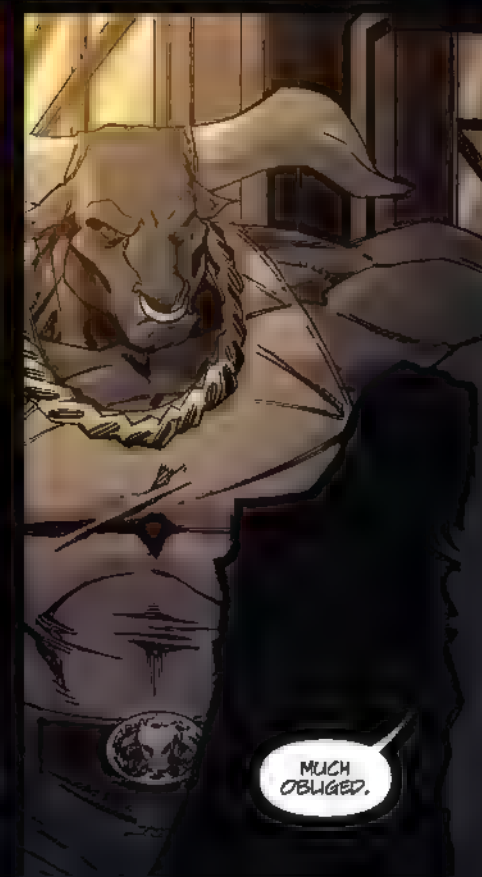
UNDER A NEW MANAGEMENT EVERY DAY SPECIAL



TROUBLE? WHAT TROUBLE?



JUST... GET INSIDE.



MUCH OBLIGED.



AHHH...





ALL OF YOU.

40 MILES OUTSIDE
OF LAS VEGAS.

NOW DO YOU
WANNA EXPLAIN TO
ME HOW YOU VANISHED
BACK THERE? WE
WEREN'T ONSTAGE, YOU KNOW.

WHOA--

--BACK YOUR TAIL
UP LADY. BEFORE WE
TALK CHARISMATIC, I
THINK YOU HAVE A LITTLE
MORE EXPLAINING
TO DO.

IF YOU CAN TALK,
YOU MUST KNOW WHY YOU
CAN TALK. AND THIS NEWFOUND
ABILITY FOR SPEECH I'M ASSUMING
HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH
EVERYONE VANISHING
INTO THIN AIR?

NO.

I... I'VE BEEN
ABLE TO SPEAK
FROM A VERY
YOUNG AGE,
HAWK.

WHAT YOU NEED TO
COME TO GRIPS WITH IS
THAT EVERYTHING HECTOR
HAS BEEN TRYING TO TEACH
YOU OVER THE YEARS IS
NOT ALL SMOKE AND
MIRRORS.

I'VE KNOWN
THIS SPARKLES,
YOU COULDN'T
TOLD ME--

NO. I COULDN'T.
YOU HUMANS ARE A WISE AND
EVOLVING SPECIES. REMARKABLE,
REALLY, BUT ONE THING YOU ARE
NOT-- IS TOLERANT OF THOSE
THAT ARE... DIFFERENT,
FROM YOU.

THE HISTORY OF
OUR KIND IS MARKED BY
MILESTONES OF PAIN AND
SUFFERING FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE BEEN EXPOSED FOR
WHAT THEY ARE. FOR
BEING DIFFERENT.

FOR BEING
MAGICAL.

THERE ARE
MANY TIMES I'VE
YEARNED TO REVEAL
MYSELF TO YOU. TO
CONVERSE WITH
YOU, AND LAUGH WITH
YOU. WE SHARE
A BOND.

I AM YOUR
PET, AFTER ALL. I'VE
SEEN EVERYTHING,
REMEMBER?

SPARKLES!

AHAHAHAHA!



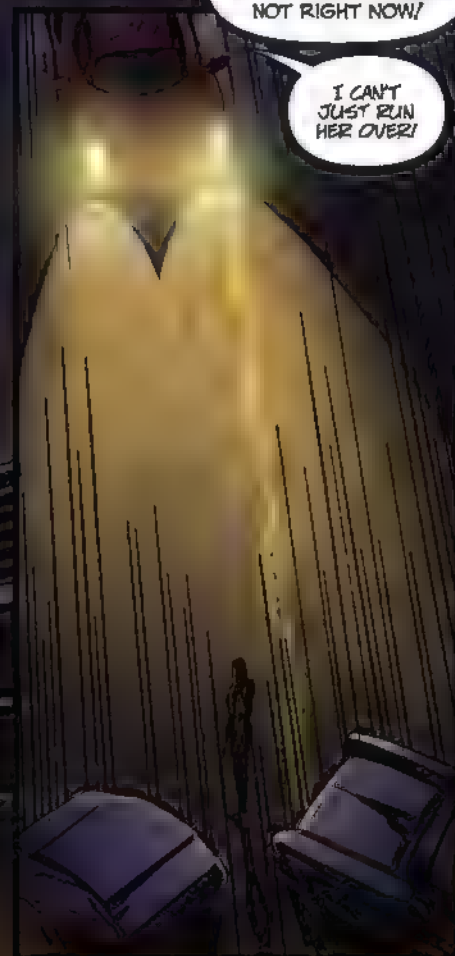


THAT'S NOT GOOD, HANK---

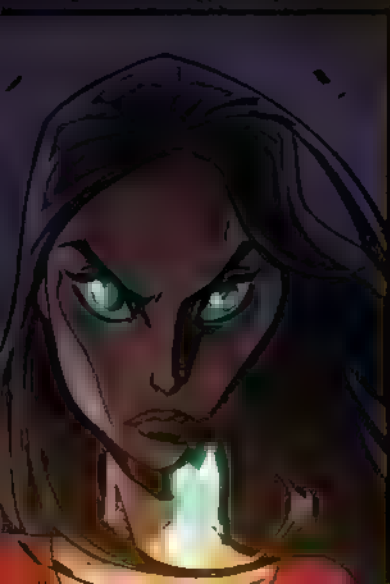


WAIT, I THINK IT'S A GIRL.

IT DOESN'T MATTER. GLOWING MEANS MAGIC. MAGIC IS NOT OUR FRIEND. NOT RIGHT NOW!

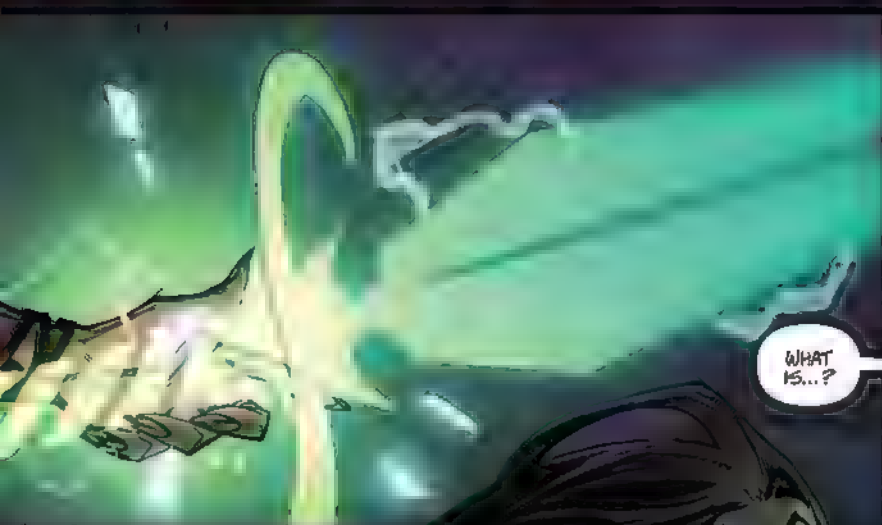
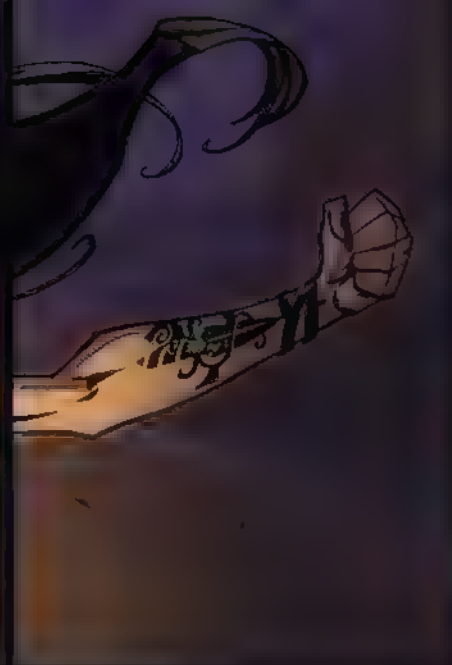
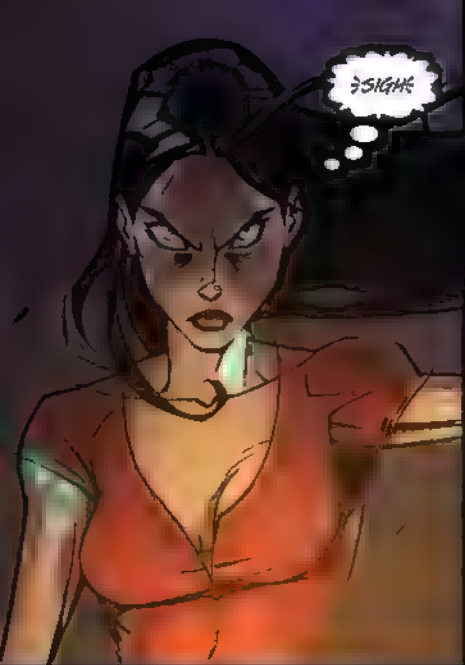


I CAN'T JUST RUN HER OVER!



ALRIGHT THEN. LET'S DO THIS.





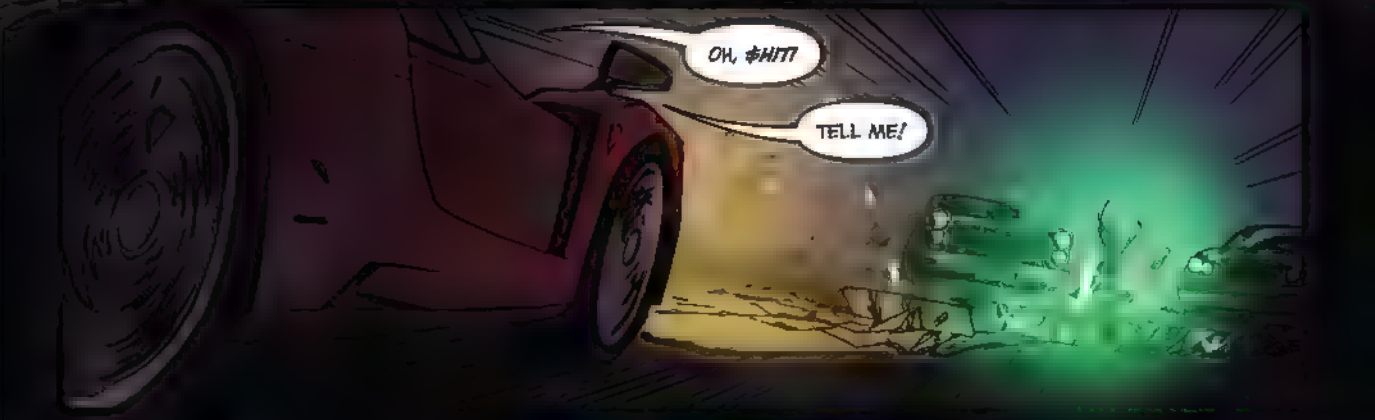
WHAT IS...?

SHE'S GOT SOME SORT OF...



...WEAPON.

WHAT IS IT?





YOU COULD'VE STOPPED, YOU KNOW.

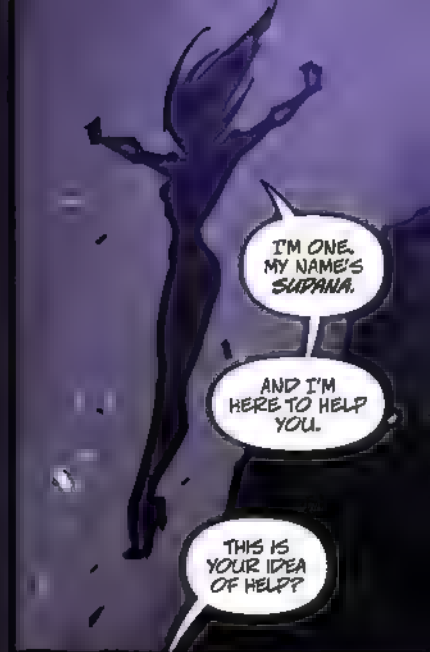
UNG...
DON'T... UINH...
KILL US.

RELAX.
I'M NOT HERE
FOR THAT.

CAT, YOU'RE A
BEING OF MAGIC.
CORRECT? DID YOU NOT
SEE MY DRUID MARKINGS,
I MADE THEM HIGHLY
VISIBLE TO YOU
BOTH.

I COULDN'T
SEE OVER THE
DASHBOARD.

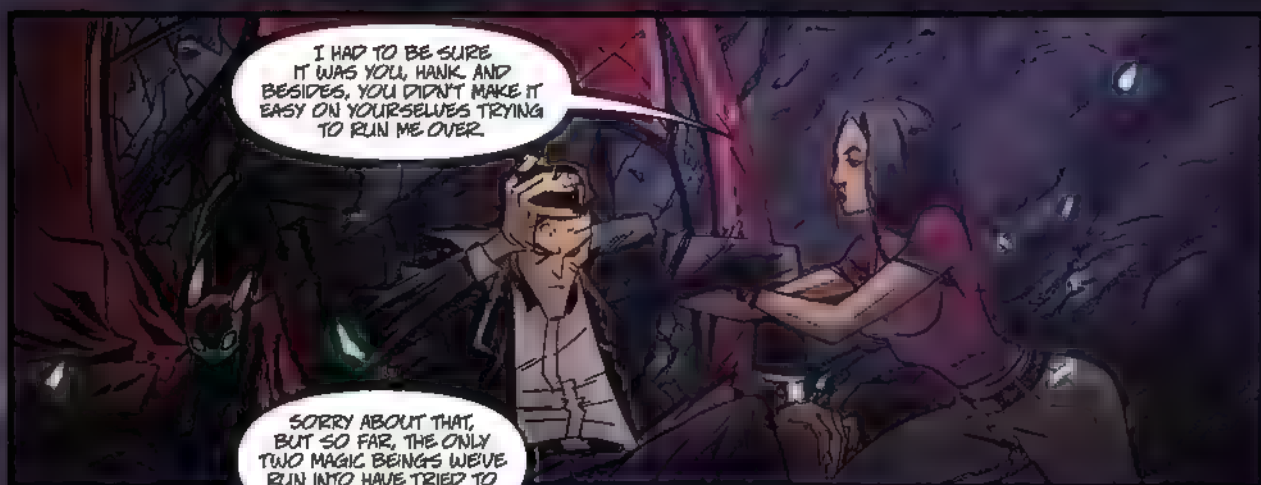
A DRUID?
WHAT'S THAT?



I'M ONE.
MY NAME'S
SUPANA.

AND I'M
HERE TO HELP
YOU.

THIS IS
YOUR IDEA
OF HELP?



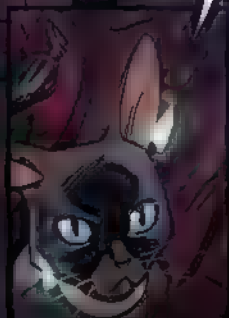
I HAD TO BE SURE
IT WAS YOU, HANK, AND
BESIDES, YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT
EASY ON YOURSELVES TRYING
TO RUN ME OVER.

SORRY ABOUT THAT,
BUT SO FAR, THE ONLY
TWO MAGIC BEINGS WE'VE
RUN INTO HAVE TRIED TO
TAKE OUR HEADS.



AND YOU KNOW
MY NAME? HOW? DO
YOU KNOW WHAT'S
GOING ON? WHERE
EVERYBODY HAS
VANISHED TO?

YEAH, HOW
DO YOU KNOW
HIS NAME?



WELL, BESIDES THE
FACT THERE'S AT LEAST FIVE
DIFFERENT BILLBOARDS WITH
YOUR PICTURE ON THE WAY INTO
VEGAS, YES, I KNOW WHO YOU
ARE HANK, AND YES, I KNOW
WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

I'VE COME TO
FIND YOU. C'MON.
LET'S GET TO MY
CAR. WE NEED TO
GET MOVING.

THERE'S A LOT
YOU NEED TO KNOW.
AND WE HAVE VERY
LITTLE TIME.



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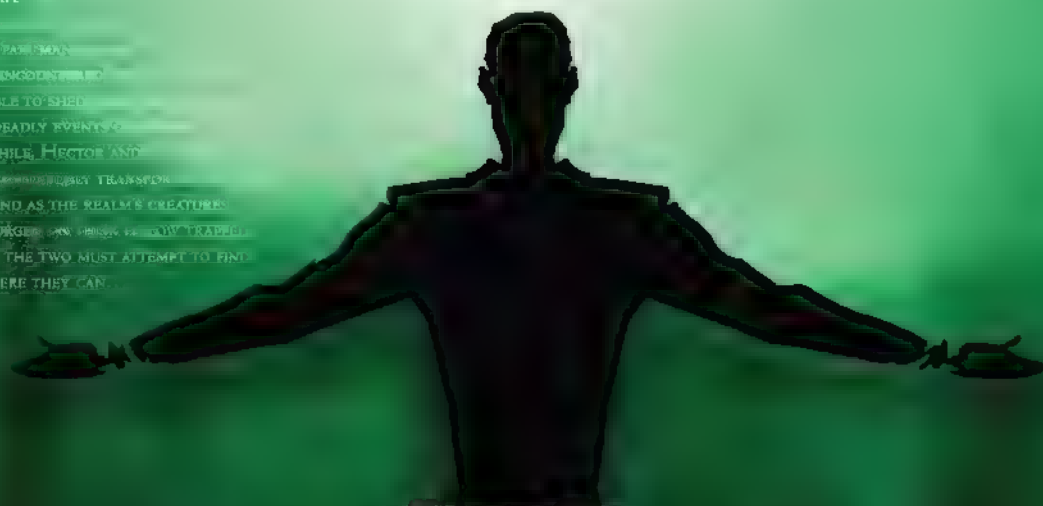
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SIN CITY AND ENCOUNTERED
WHO MAY BE ABLE TO SHED
STRANGE AND DEADLY EVENTS
THEM, MEANWHILE, HECTOR AND
THUNDERBOLT DISCOVERED BY TRANSFER
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FRENCH QUARTER,
LOUISIANA.

WE'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU.

FINALLY, BEINGS
WILLING TO STAND
AND FIGHT RATHER
THAN COWER.

HOWEVER,
I ALREADY KNOW
OF YOUR KIND, AND
I HAVE NO PATIENCE
FOR SPELLCASTERS.
DO WHAT YOU KNOW
IS BEST FOR YOU
AND FLEE.

YOU CAN SPEAK
ENGLISH. SERKE HAS
TAUGHT YOU WELL, I
SEE. WE REQUIRE
YOUR AUDIENCE,
SAMSUN.

YOU KNOW
BETTER THAN TO
UTTER THE NAME OF
A BEING FROM THE
VOID, PETRA.

MIND YOUR
OWN TONGUE,
HEPTY ONE, BEFORE
I RIP IT OUT!

ENOUGH!

BE GRATEFUL
I AM IN NO MOOD
FOR FEASTING, OR
YOUR BLACK MAGIC
WOULD BE MINE
AS WELL.

OUR ESSENCE
WOULD DARKEN YOUR
SOUL IN WAYS YOU CANNOT
IMAGINE, ANCIENT ONE. REST
ASSURED, YOU WOULD BE
BEGGING FOR ONE OF OUR
SPELLS YOU HOLD
PREJUDICE AGAINST TO
FREE YOU FROM IT.



I SUGGEST
YOU LEND US YOUR
EAR BEFORE YOUR
NEXT MOVE.



HMMPH.

WE HAD WICCANS
IN THE VOID, ALTHOUGH
THEIR APPEARANCE
WAS MUCH LESS...
REFINED.

WE COME
IN MANY
FORMS.

CLEARLY.

YOU ARE THE
FIRST OF OUR KIND
THAT HAS NOT RUN FROM
ME. I WOULD WELCOME
SUCH ACCEPTANCE IF
NOT FOR THE TRUTH THAT
YOUR KIND IS SIMPLY
CAST ASIDE AS MISFITS
AS WELL.



APPARENTLY THE STORIES
OF YOUR CHARMS WERE NOT
EXAGGERATED. BUT, IF YOU CAN
FREE YOURSELF FROM YOUR
FOOLISH MISCONCEPTIONS, I
CAN GIVE YOU MORE THAN JUST
MY FORM TO LOOK UPON...

I CAN
GIVE YOU
KON.



DO NOT
EVER SPEAK THAT
NAME UNLESS YOUR
NEXT WORDS BEAR
GOOD REASON,
WITCH.



IF YOU WOULD CEASE
YOUR SCOURGE VIOLENT
IMPULSES FOR A MOMENT
AND ALLOW US TO DIVULGE
SAID INFORMATION, YOU
WOULD HEAR GOOD
REASON.

PROCEED.

IT IS WHY WE
JOURNEYED HERE TO
INTERCEPT YOUR ARRIVAL.
YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH
A PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING THE
ORDER, YOUR WISE SHAMAN MUST
HAVE TOLD YOU AS MUCH. I SEE HE
ALSO INFORMED YOU OF MEN'S
FASHION AND THE ABILITY
OF FLIGHT.

YOU HAVE
MADE IT QUITE
FAR FROM YOUR
GATEWAY.



YES IT WAS
ENJOYABLE TAKING THIS
WARDROBE. WE ARE AWARE
OF MUCH OF YOUR LIFESTYLE
HERE. THE ORDER SENT MANY
TO THE VOID THROUGHOUT
THE CYCLES, ALONG WITH ALL
OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE. IT
WAS A PLEASURE TO--
EXTRACT IT-- FROM
THEM.

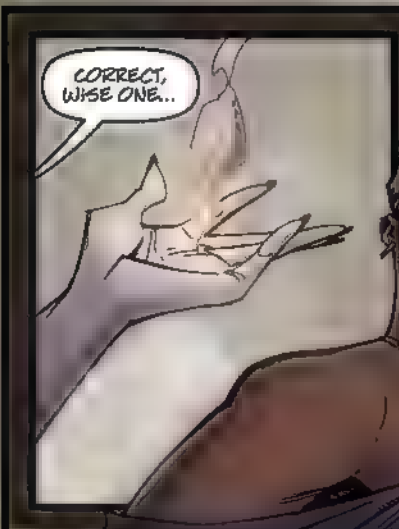
THEN YOU
MUST KNOW
WHAT WE ARE
CAPABLE OF.
WHAT OUR
SPELLS ARE
CAPABLE OF.



YOU MUST
ALSO REALIZE THAT
EVEN THOUGH YOU
CAN FEEL KON'S
ESSENCE--

--YOU DON'T
KNOW ~~WHEN~~
EXACTLY TO LOOK,
AND WHAT WILL BE
WAITING FOR YOU
UPON YOUR
ARRIVAL.

AND I CONCLUDE
YOU POSSESS THIS
KNOWLEDGE?

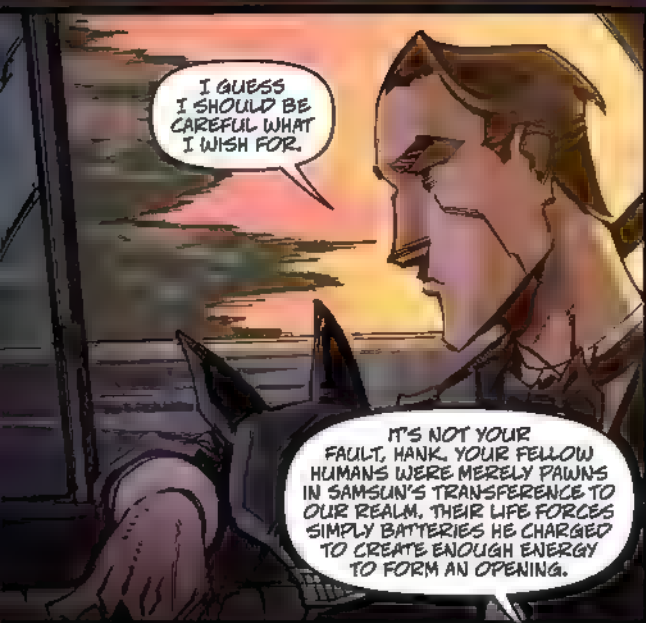


CORRECT,
WISE ONE...

INDEED...
WE DO.



YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE SAT ON THIS FREEWAY IN TRAFFIC, AND HOPED FOR EVERYONE TO JUST, VANISH?



I GUESS I SHOULD BE CAREFUL WHAT I WISH FOR.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, HANK. YOUR FELLOW HUMANS WERE MERELY PAWNS IN SAMSON'S TRANSFERENCE TO OUR REALM. THEIR LIFE FORCES SIMPLY BATTERIES HE CHARGED TO CREATE ENOUGH ENERGY TO FORM AN OPENING.



SO DON'T FEEL GUILTY.

YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING SINCE HIS BANISHMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S YOUR KIND THAT'S PAYING FOR THE SINS OF OUR PAST.



SUDANA, YOU'RE A DRUID, RIGHT? A RECORDER OF MAGIC? ISN'T IT AGAINST YOUR RULES OR WHATEVER YOUR CODE IS TO INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THIS MESS?



YES, SPARKLES. IN THE PAST I WOULD'VE STOOD IDLY BY AND LET THINGS SORT THEMSELVES OUT. I'VE DONE IT BEFORE. MANY, MANY TIMES.

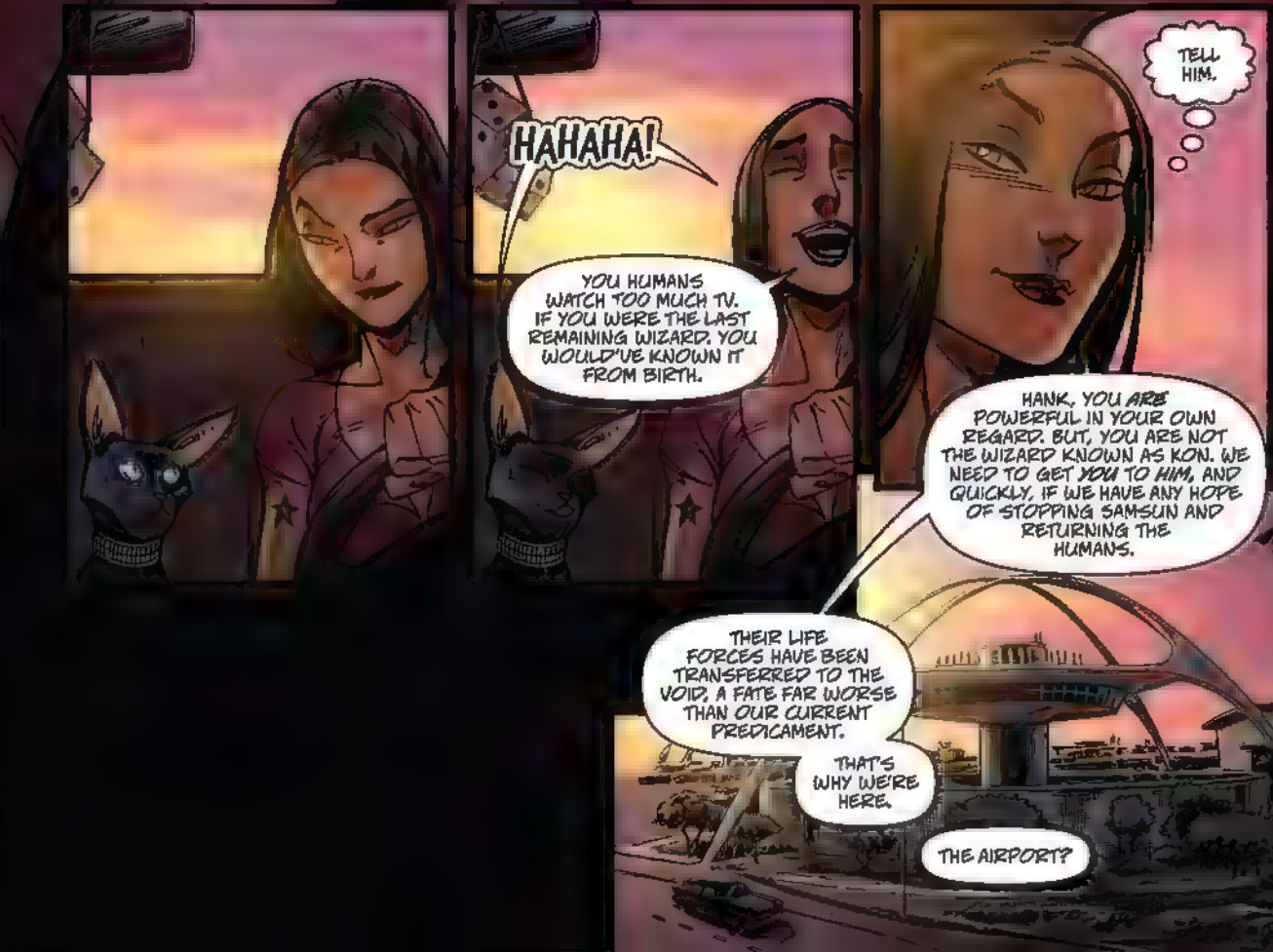


BUT NOW, TIMES HAVE CHANGED. THE ONES WE REFER TO AS THE ORDER, OUR OWN VERSION OF WHAT YOU CALL A GOVERNMENT-- ARE ALMOST ALL BUT GONE-- EXCEPT ONE.

HE CAN HELP US DEFEAT SAMSUN. HE HAS DONE SO BEFORE, AND HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY NEED TO AGAIN.

SUDANA--

--AM I... THE ONE?



HAHAHA!

YOU HUMANS WATCH TOO MUCH TV. IF YOU WERE THE LAST REMAINING WIZARD, YOU WOULD'VE KNOWN IT FROM BIRTH.

TELL HIM.

HANK, YOU ARE POWERFUL IN YOUR OWN REGARD. BUT, YOU ARE NOT THE WIZARD KNOWN AS KON. WE NEED TO GET YOU TO HIM, AND QUICKLY, IF WE HAVE ANY HOPE OF STOPPING SAMSUN AND RETURNING THE HUMANS.

THEIR LIFE FORCES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE VOID, A FATE FAR WORSE THAN OUR CURRENT PREDICAMENT.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.

THE AIRPORT?



I NEED TO
FIND US A PLANE
WITH ENOUGH FUEL
TO GET US TO
COSTA RICA.

REALLY?
THAT FAR? THIS
IS UNREAL.

I ASSURE
YOU IT'S VERY
MUCH REAL.

WELL, CAN I
AT LEAST GRAB SOME
ESSENTIALS WE'RE GONNA
NEED FOR THIS HUGE QUEST
I'M SUDDENLY A PART OF?
I'M ALSO STARVING.
C'MON SPARKLES.

YOU WON'T
NEED ANYTHING IF
WE CAN'T REACH KON
BEFORE SAMSON
DOES. MAKE IT
QUICK.

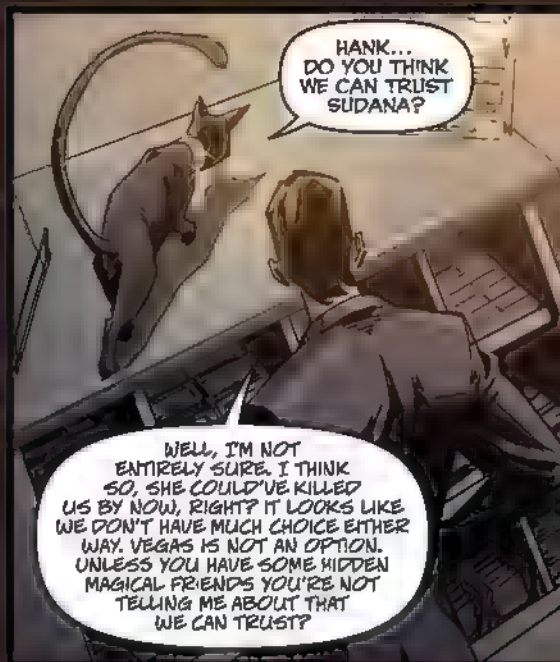


SHE'S ALL
BUSINESS.

MUCH MORE
THAN ALLE, THAT'S
FOR SURE. I LIKE
HER STYLE.

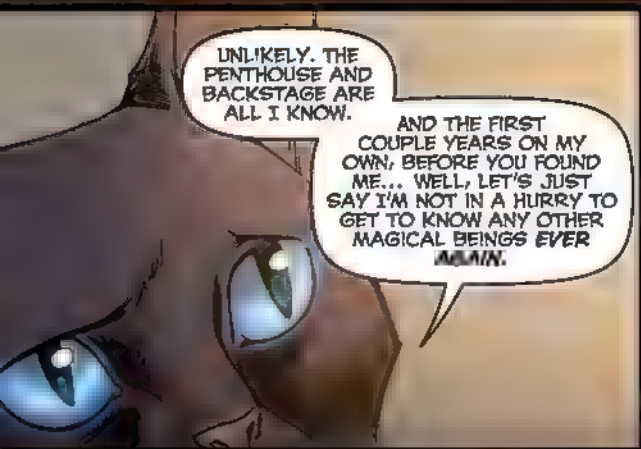
SPARKLES, THAT'S
NOT FUNNY. WE NEED TO
FIND ALLE. SHE'S PROBABLY
FREAKING OUT IN THAT
VOID REALM PLACE.

SORRY,
COULDN'T
RESIST.



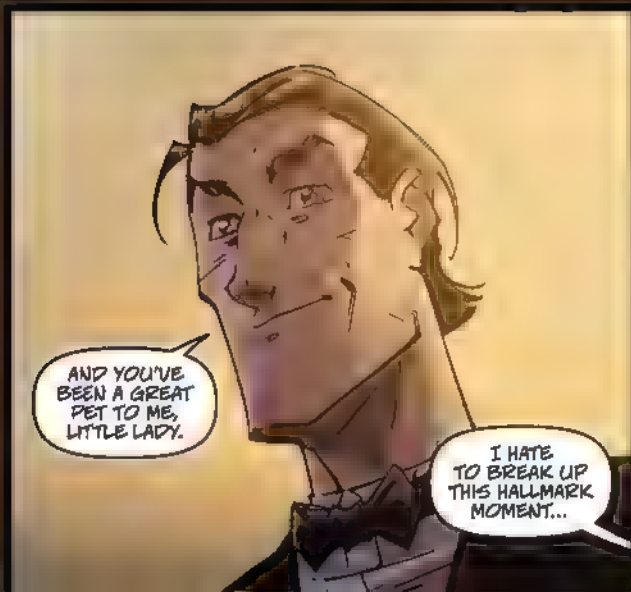
HANK...
DO YOU THINK
WE CAN TRUST
SUDANA?

WELL, I'M NOT
ENTIRELY SURE. I THINK
SO, SHE COULD'VE KILLED
US BY NOW, RIGHT? IT LOOKS LIKE
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE EITHER
WAY. VEGAS IS NOT AN OPTION.
UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME HIDDEN
MAGICAL FRIENDS YOU'RE NOT
TELLING ME ABOUT THAT
WE CAN TRUST?



UNLIKELY. THE
PENTHOUSE AND
BACKSTAGE ARE
ALL I KNOW.

AND THE FIRST
COUPLE YEARS ON MY
OWN, BEFORE YOU FOUND
ME... WELL, LET'S JUST
SAY I'M NOT IN A HURRY TO
GET TO KNOW ANY OTHER
MAGICAL BEINGS EVER
AGAIN.



AND YOU'VE
BEEN A GREAT
PET TO ME,
LITTLE LADY.

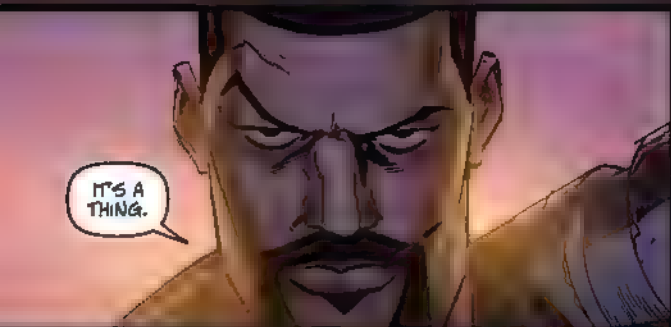
I HATE
TO BREAK UP
THIS HALLMARK
MOMENT...



BUT YOU'RE
TRESPASSING
ON OUR TURF. THIS
'AIN'T NO LAND OF THE
FREE BULLSHIT
NO MORE.

TRYING TO
FLY WITHOUT
BUYING A TICKET!
TSK TSK.

YOU GONNA STEAL
FROM US LIKE IT 'AINT
NO THING? LEMME
TELL YOU HOMIE...



IT'S A
THING.



LOOK, WE
DON'T WANT ANY
TROUBLE.



HANK, YOU
KNOW WHAT
TO DO.

I DIDN'T SAY
NUTHIN' ABOUT TROUBLE
PRETTY BOY. YOU SEE, THE
AIRPORT BELONGS TO US
NOW. AND YOU GONNA
MISS YOUR FLIGHT.



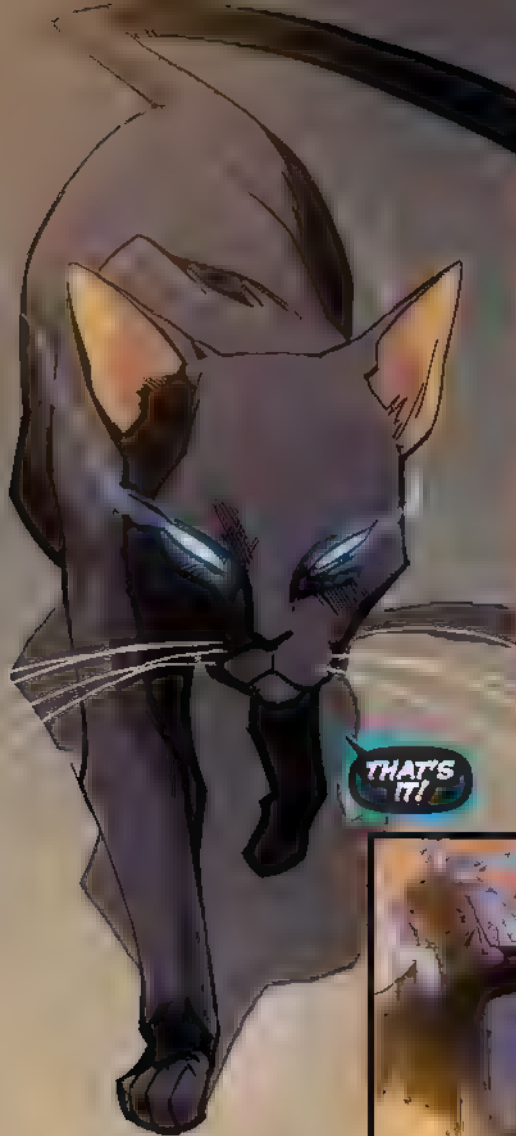
SIGH.

DO IT!

THUDUNK

BOOOOM

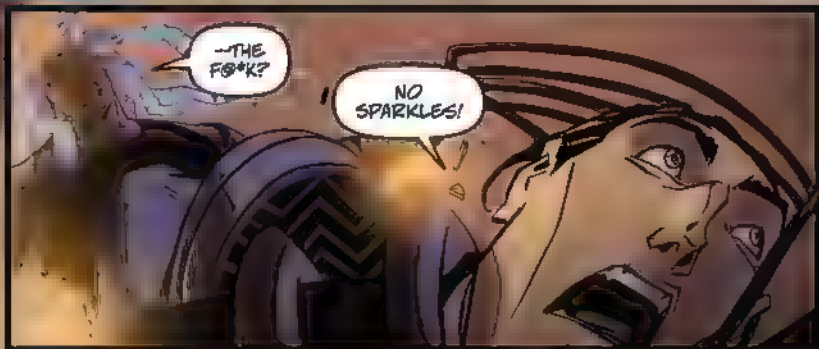




THAT'S IT!



YOU WANNA PLAY GAMES WITH THIS LITTLE KITTY?



—THE F&K?

NO SPARKLES!



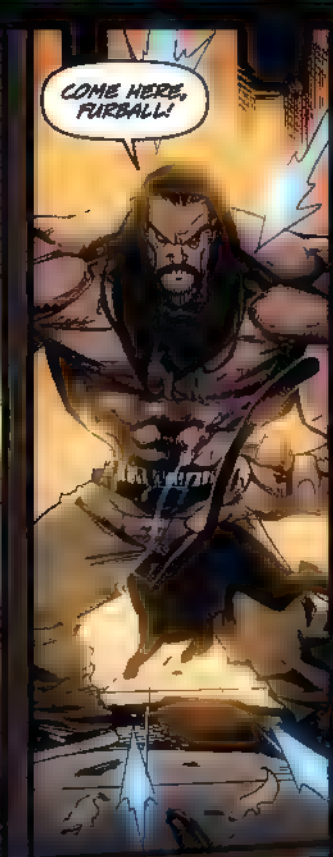
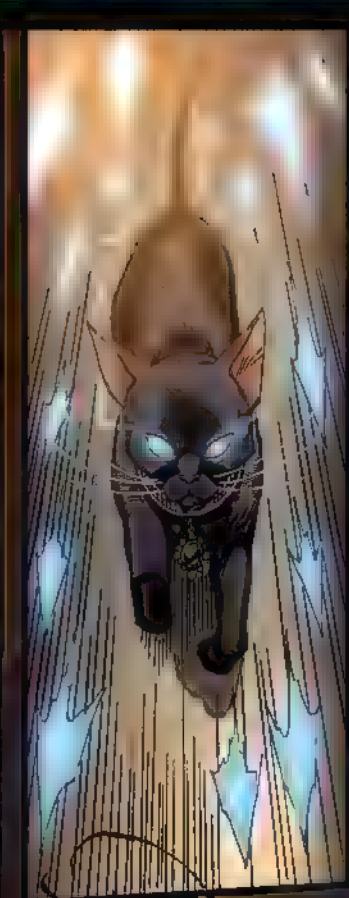
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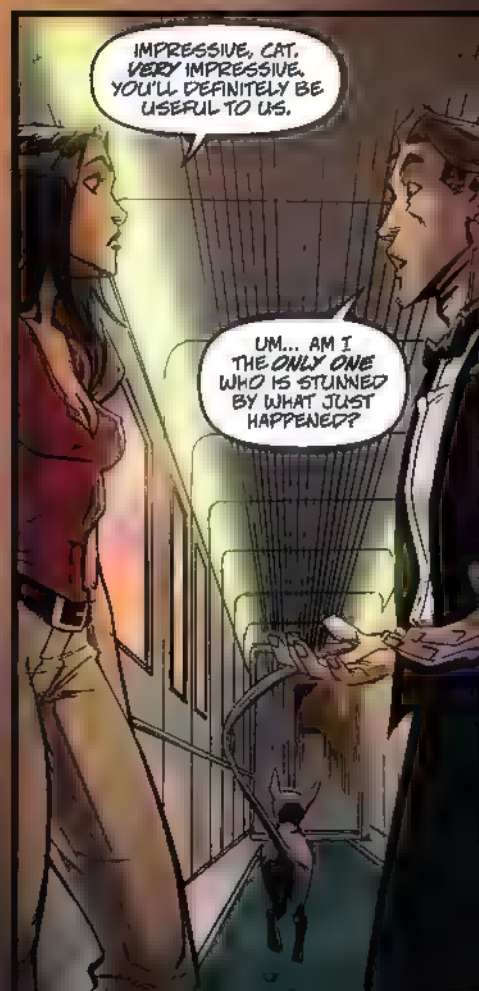


SHIING



NOW... WHO ELSE WANTS SOME?







WE GOTTA KEEP MOVING.

I'M TRYING! HECTOR, WHAT WERE THOSE THINGS?

NOT SURE, THEY LOOKED PREHISTORIC IN NATURE.

WHAT THE F@*K IS GOING ON? I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS.

PATIENCE, HECTOR. WE NEED HER CALM.

ALLE, I NEED YOU TO STAY CALM. LOSING YOUR COOL ISN'T GOING TO GET YOU HOME ANY SOONER, NOT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, UNDERSTAND? AND I CAN'T FIND HELP IF YOU'RE HYSTERICAL.

HYSTERICAL? REALLY?!

FORGIVE ME IF I'M DISTURBING YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT. I WAS ONLY JUST ALMOST EATEN BY F@CKING DINOSAUR BUGS THAT WERE FEASTING ON MOST OF LAS VEGAS BACK THERE!

CAN'T YOU JUST STOP BEING CRYPTIC LIKE HANK FOR ONE SECOND AND TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I ASSUMED YOU KNEW AS MUCH AS HANK, THAT HE WOULD'VE TOLD YOU WHAT I WARNED HIM OF.

YOU ASSUMED WRONG. HANK AND I... WE DON'T TALK MUCH THESE DAYS. AND WHEN WE DO, IT'S MOSTLY TO YELL AT EACH OTHER.

LIKE REAL MAGIC PEOPLE? LIKE... HANK?

I... SEE. WELL, ALLE, I WON'T SUGARCOAT IT FOR YOU. IT'S NOT GOOD. WE'RE TRAPPED IN A PLACE KNOWN AS THE VOID REALM, WITH THE WORST OF THE WORST MAGICAL BEINGS.

WAIT, YOU
KNOW ABOUT
HANK?

WHAT? THAT
HE HAS REAL
MAGIC?

SURE, I
THOUGHT YOU
DID TOO.

YOU'RE
HIS MENTOR
AFTER ALL.

I KNOW, SURE.
IT'S THE VERY REASON I
SOUGHT HIM OUT YEARS
AGO IN THE FIRST PLACE.
BUT EVEN HANK DOESN'T
KNOW THE FULL EXTENT
OF WHAT HE CAN DO.

ALLE, WHAT
EXACTLY DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT HIS
POWERS?

DON'T WORRY
YOUR BIG HEAD OFF,
YOU AND HANK CAN STILL
KEEP YOUR LITTLE MAGICIAN
CLUB SECRET. BUT,
I'VE SEEN THINGS,
THAT'S ALL.

SEEN HANK VANISH
OUT OF THE THEATRE,
WHEN HE THOUGHT HE WAS
ALONE. THAT SORT OF THING.
I KNOW HE'S BEEN PRACTICING
IT FOR A LONG TIME. I
FIGURED TO MAKE HIS
SHOW BETTER.

AND YOU NEVER
APPROACHED HIM
ABOUT IT? YOU JUST
PRETENDED NOT
TO KNOW?

LIKE I
SAID, WE DON'T
DISCUSS MUCH
LATELY.

ASK
HER.

C'MON LET'S
GET TO THAT HIGH
GROUND, SEE IF I CAN
SPOT SOMETHING--
OR SOMEONE TO
HELP US.

ASK
HER!

ALLE, I
HAVE TO
ASK.

IF YOU AND
HANK ARGUE
SO MUCH, WHY
ARE YOU GUYS
TOGETHER?

IT'S...
COMPLICATED.

HANK SAVED ME IN A
LOT OF WAYS. HE HELPED
TURN MY LIFE AROUND BACK
IN L.A. HE PROVIDES FOR ME.
PROVIDES VERY WELL
ACTUALLY. WE'VE JUST BEEN...
DISCONNECTED MORE THAN
USUAL THESE PAST FEW
MONTHS...

...HECTOR?

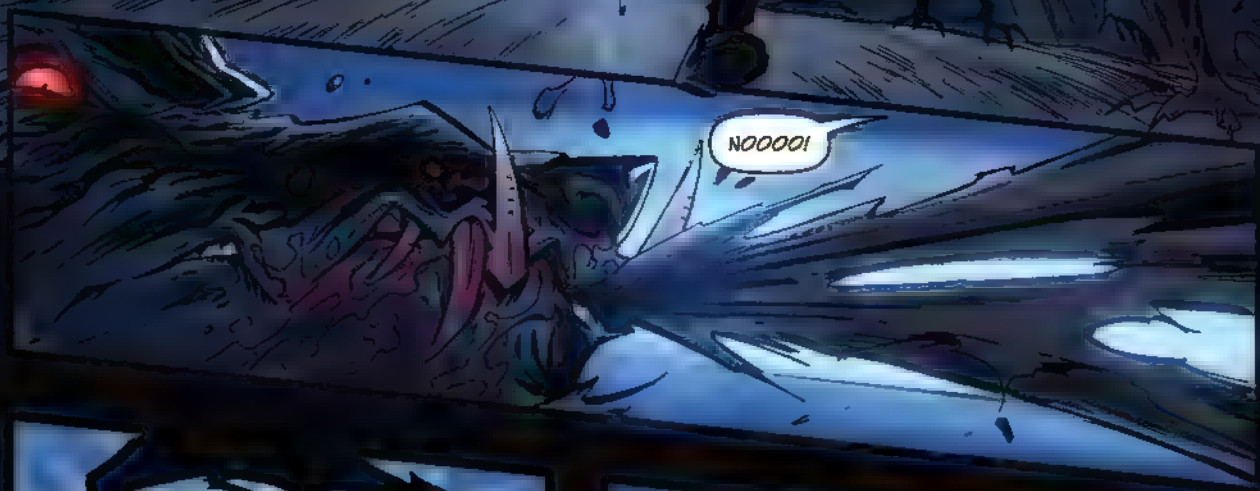
HELLO? ARE
YOU LISTENING
TO--

--BEHIND
YOU...





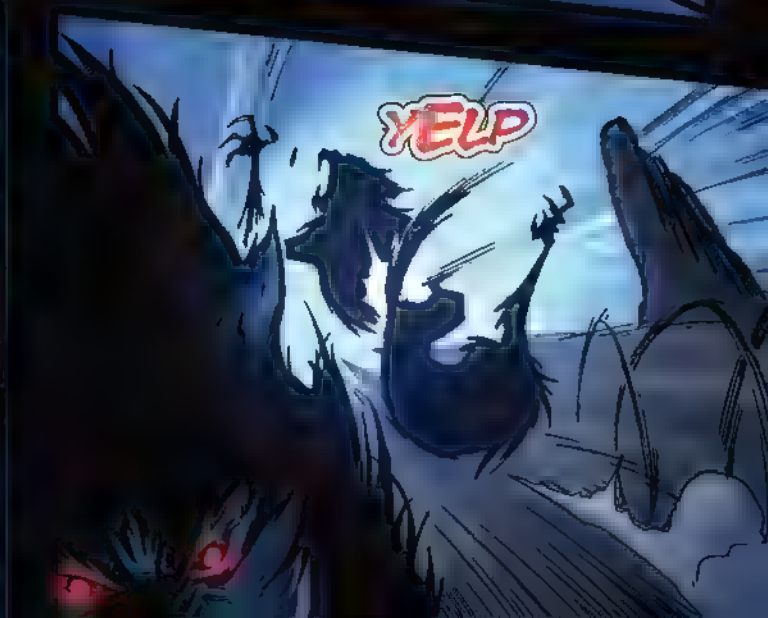
RUN!
NOW!



NOOOO!



HRAAH!



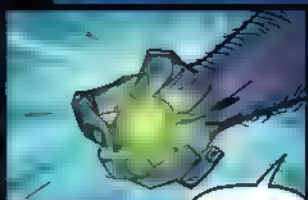
YELP



THERE!!



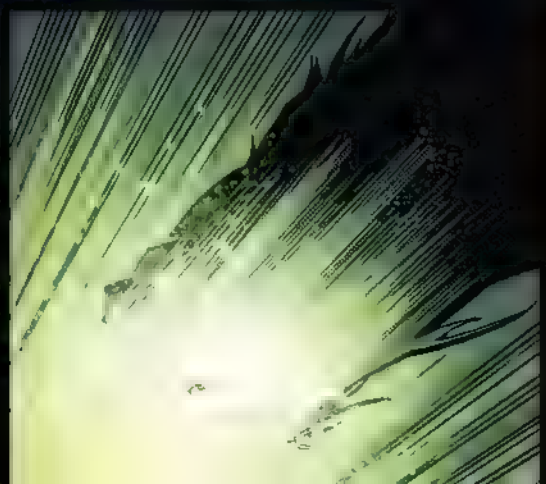
I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!



LET'S SEE IF I STILL GOT IT...



RAWR



REEP?



WIZARD'S
LOOT! I'VE HAD IT
FOR ALMOST TWENTY
YEARS. FINALLY ABLE
TO PUT IT TO GOOD
USE I'D SAY!



HECTOR!
UP THERE!

BZZZZ



SERIOUSLY?



NOO!
GET OFF
OF ME!



ALLE!

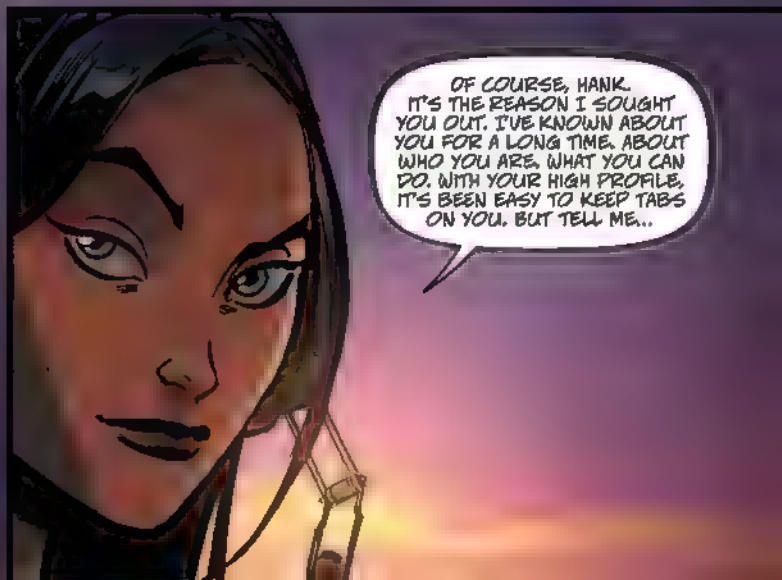
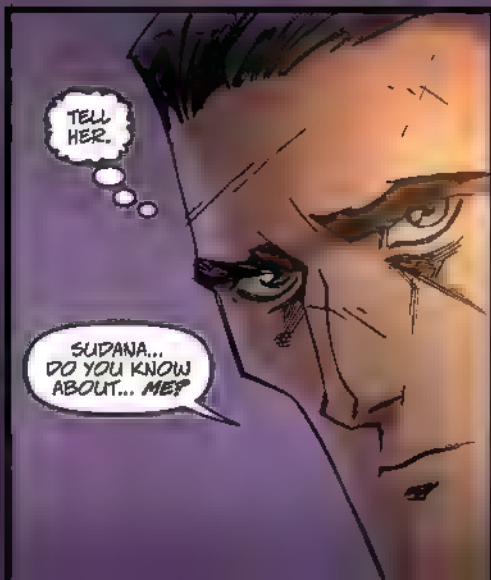
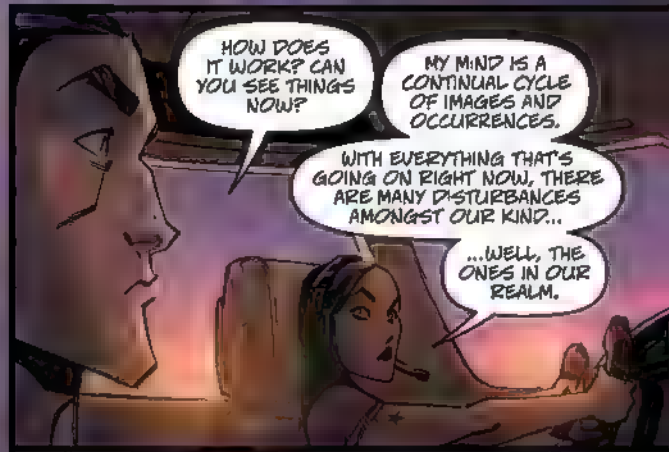
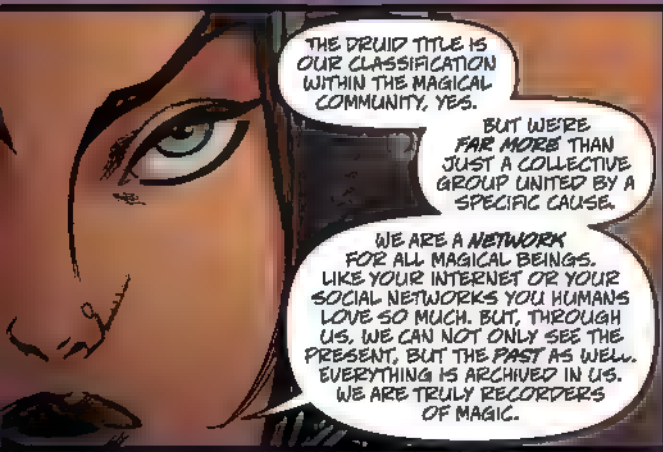
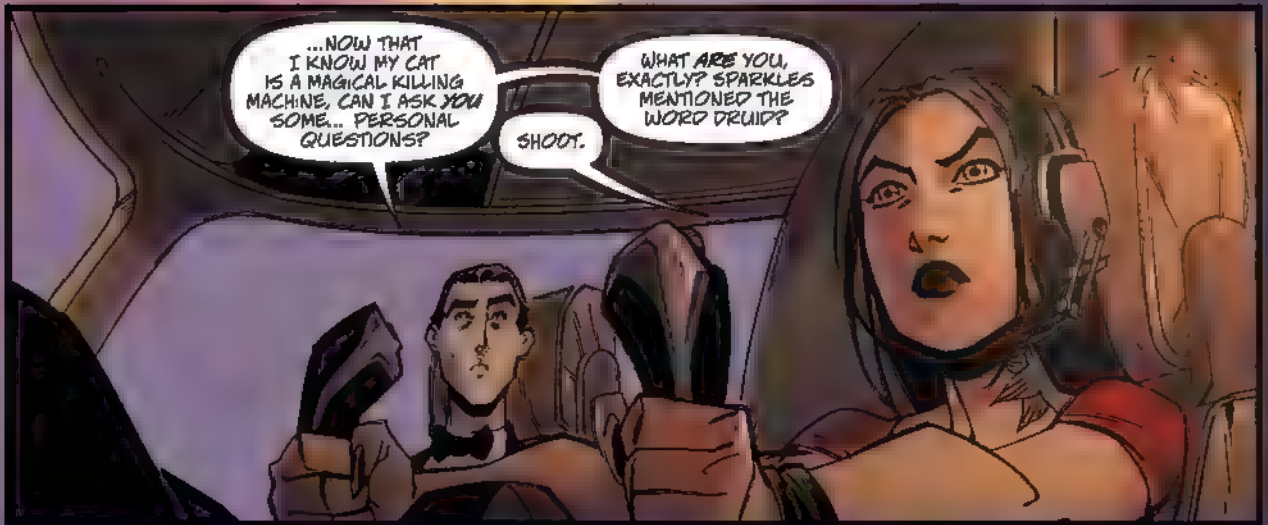
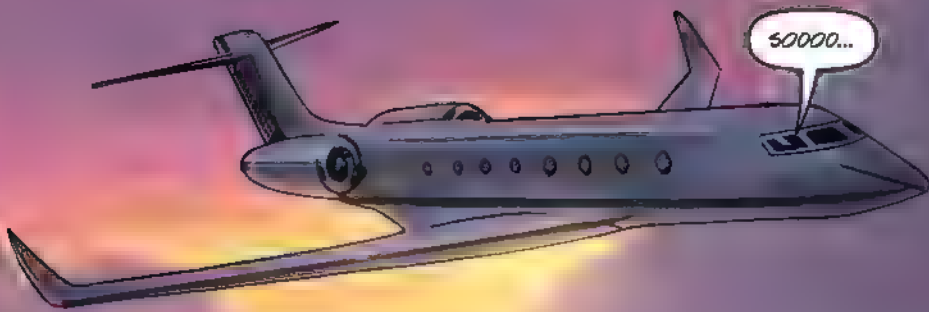


NO!



OH...







WHEN DID YOU FIRST DISCOVER YOU COULD VANISH ANY TIME YOU WANT?

WHAT? HOW'D YOU--

OH, RIGHT. YOU SEE EVERYTHING WITH US MAGIC TYPES. SO, GUESS YOU WEREN'T LYING ABOUT THAT MAGICAL SOCIAL NETWORK DEAL, GOT IT.

WELL, WHEN I WAS A KID, I DIDN'T KNOW AT ALL. WISH I WOULD'VE BACK THEN. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME SCROUNGING FOR FOOD THOSE DAYS. TRYING TO STAY OFF THE STREETS.

I DIDN'T VANISH FOR MY FIRST TIME UNTIL I WAS A TEENAGER. WHEN A GROUP OF BULLIES TRIED TO CHASE ME AFTER I CLEANED THEM OUT OF TWENTY BUCKS WITH A CARD TRICK I'D BEEN WORKIN' IN AN ALLEY WHERE I SLEPT.



FROM THAT POINT ON, I PRETTY MUCH SPENT MY DAYS HONING THE SKILL.

IT WASN'T LIKE IN THE MOVIES WHERE THERE WAS A LEARNING CURVE. ONCE I REALIZED WHAT I COULD DO...

...I BECAME PRETTY FRICKIN' AWESOME AT DOING IT IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.

YOU'D BE AMAZED AT WHAT I CAN DO, REALLY.

NO-- YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT WHAT I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU. WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF. THE LIMITS OF HOW FAR YOU CAN ACTUALLY VANISH TO...

...AND WHAT REALMS AS WELL.

I MANAGED TO FIND THE FOOD COMPARTMENT. BUT I COULD USE SOME HELP OPENING THIS.

WHAT'D I MISS?



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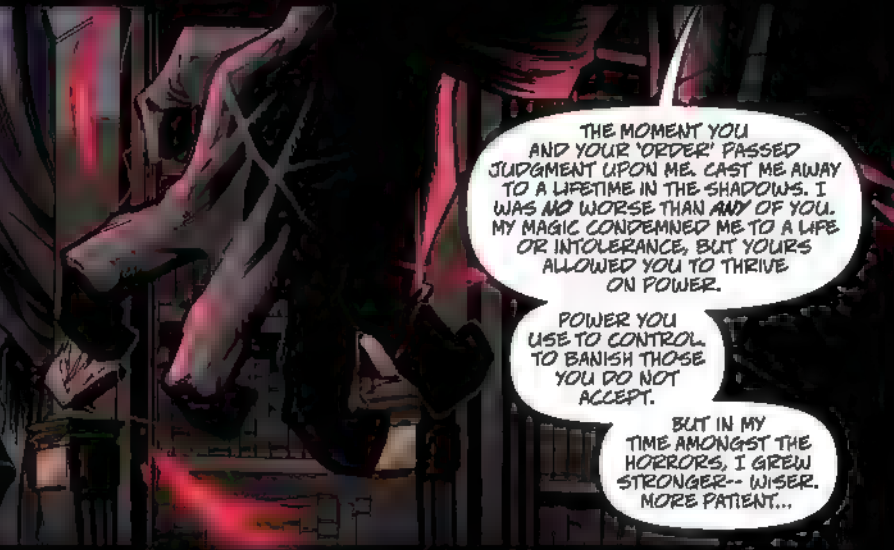
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SO, YOU'VE
OVERPOWERED
MY GUARDIANS, AND
NOW COME FOR THE
RETRIBUTION YOU
THINK YOU JUSTLY
DESERVE AFTER ALL
THESE YEARS.

IS THIS
A CORRECT
ASSESSMENT,
ESCAPEE?

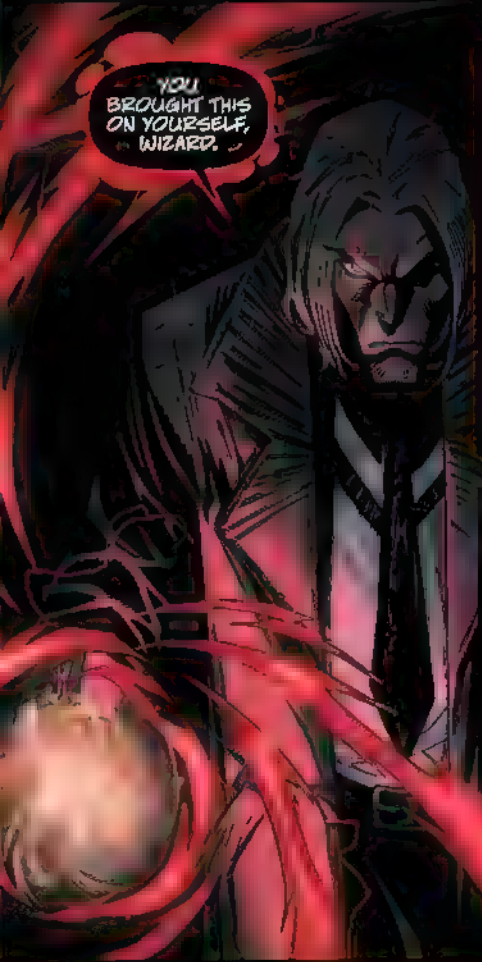
YOU KNEW
THIS DAY WOULD
COME, KON.



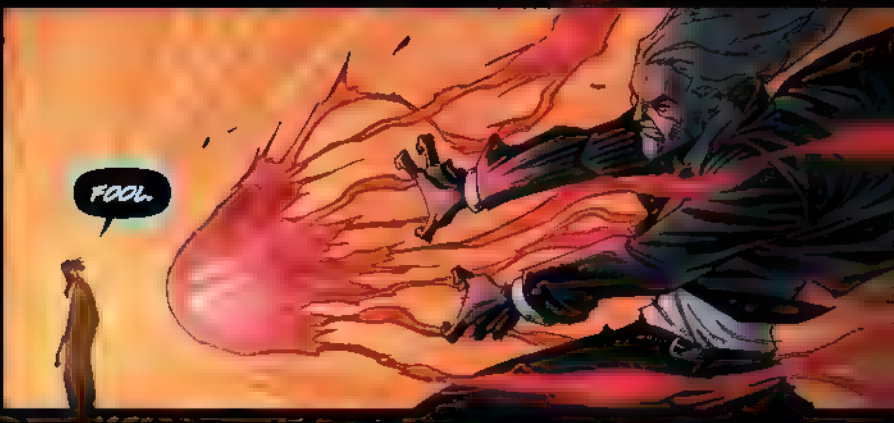
THE MOMENT YOU AND YOUR 'ORDER' PASSED JUDGMENT UPON ME. CAST ME AWAY TO A LIFETIME IN THE SHADOWS. I WAS NO WORSE THAN ANY OF YOU. MY MAGIC CONDEMNED ME TO A LIFE OF INTOLERANCE, BUT YOURS ALLOWED YOU TO THRIVE ON POWER.

POWER YOU USE TO CONTROL TO BANISH THOSE YOU DO NOT ACCEPT.

BUT IN MY TIME AMONGST THE HORRORS, I GREW STRONGER- WISER. MORE PATIENT...



YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOURSELF, WIZARD.



FOOL.



WHAT DID YOU LEARN WITH YOUR STRENGTH, AND PATIENCE- AND WISDOM?

YOU ARE STILL THE SAME IGNORANT BEING OF MAGIC, UNAWARE OF WHAT MAGIC TRULY IS.

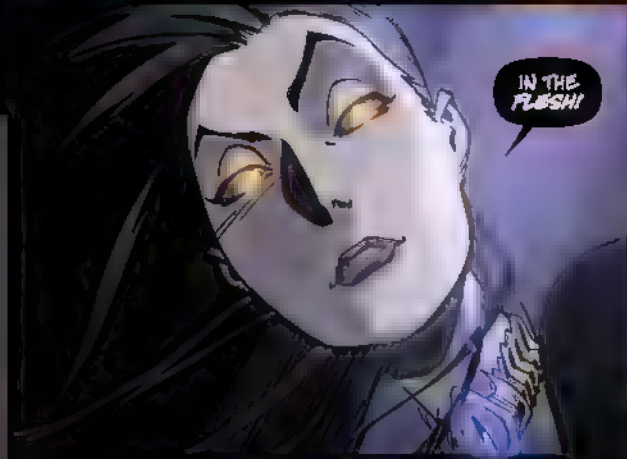


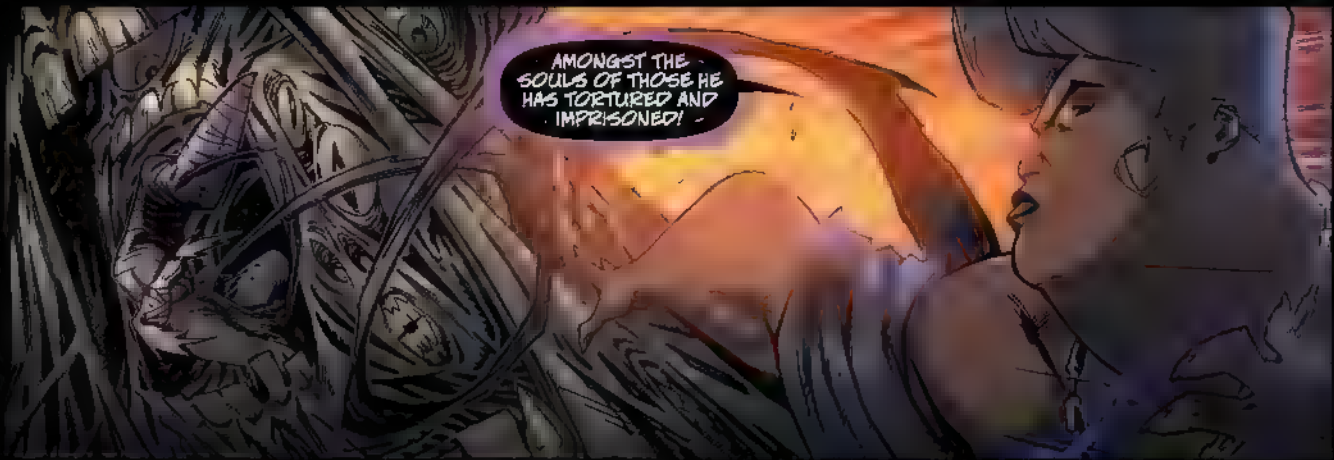
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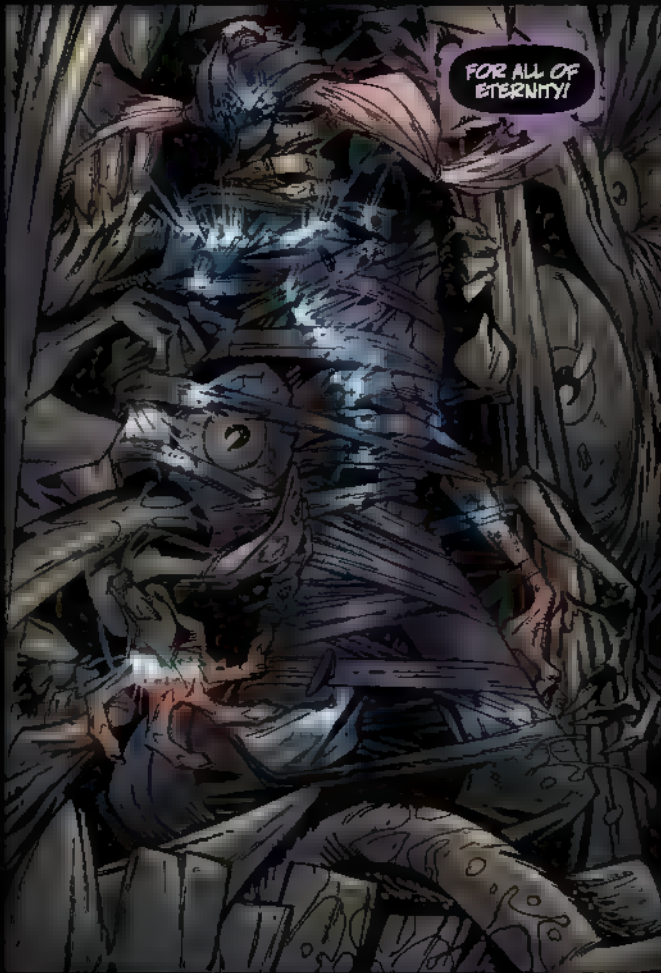
UNNGH... YOU ARE MISTAKEN, WISE ONE. I KNOW... UNNGH... ENOUGH NOW TO NOT UNDERESTIMATE YOUR CAPABILITIES...

...THIS TIME...

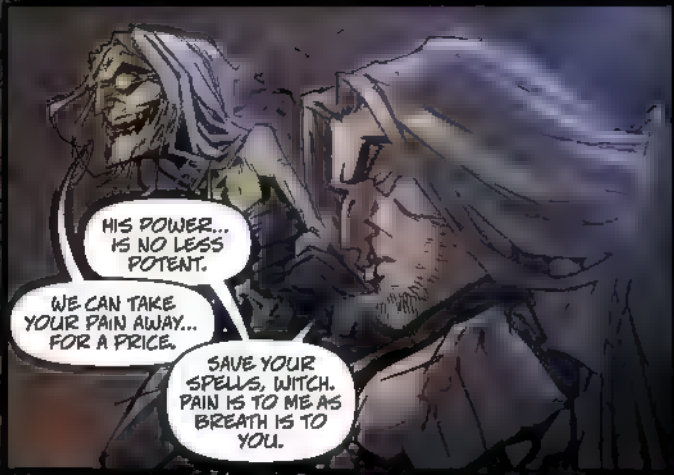




AMONGST THE SOULS OF THOSE HE HAS TORTURED AND IMPRISONED!



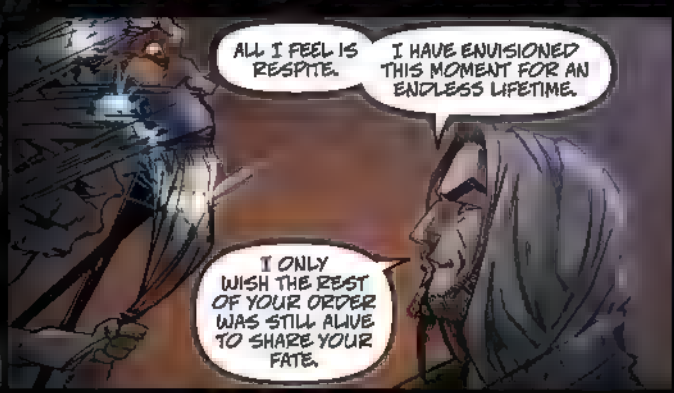
FOR ALL OF ETERNITY!



HIS POWER... IS NO LESS POTENT.

WE CAN TAKE YOUR PAIN AWAY... FOR A PRICE.

SAVE YOUR SPELLS, WITCH. PAIN IS TO ME AS BREATH IS TO YOU.



ALL I FEEL IS RESPITE.

I HAVE ENVISIONED THIS MOMENT FOR AN ENDLESS LIFETIME.

I ONLY WISH THE REST OF YOUR ORDER WAS STILL ALIVE TO SHARE YOUR FATE.



YOU DO KNOW THEY WILL COME?

ALLIES OF KON. IF THEY ARE NOT ALREADY ON THEIR WAY. HE HAD MANY FRIENDS. THEY WILL COME TO HIM FOR KNOWLEDGE.

YOUR OWN ARRIVAL WAS A PHENOMENON THAT SURELY HAS CREATED CHAOS FOR THEM.

THEY WILL SEEK ANSWERS TO THIS QUANDARY.



LET THEM COME.

MY POWER IS SURGING, YET I ALWAYS HAVE ROOM FOR MORE OF THEIR MAGIC...

...AND THEY MAY SHARE THE WIZARD'S FATE.

COSTA RICA.

HOW DO WE KNOW THIS AIRPORT ISN'T TAKEN OVER BY SOME TYPE OF COSTA RICAN MYSTICAL AND MAGICAL WARRIORS OR SOMETHING?

WE DON'T, SO WE SHOULD KEEP MOVING.

HANK DOESN'T DO TRAVEL WELL.

I HEARD THAT.

SOOOO. YOU DO KNOW WHEREABOUTS TO LOOK TO FIND THIS WIZARD KON, RIGHT? I'M GUESSING HIS MAGIC TEMPLE'S NOT LISTED ON ANY TRAVEL BROCHURES OVER HERE.

GOOD GUESS.

DOES HE ALWAYS HAVE THIS MANY JOKES?

ONLY WHEN HE'S NERVOUS. YOU MAKE HIM THIS WAY. IT'S PROBABLY YOUR ATTRACTIVE HUMAN APPEARANCE THAT FORCES THIS. WE 'ANIMALS' CALL IT--

--SPARKLES!

IT'S NOT THAT! I MEAN YOU ARE HOT, NOT LIKE YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW THIS. BUT, LET'S NOT FORGET, I'M A NATURAL ENTERTAINER, REMEMBER? MY HUMOR PROVIDES LEVITY IN THIS OTHERWISE BLEAK DISASTER SITUATION.

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, REALLY, HEH.

LET'S GET BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND. KON'S TEMPLE. SO, WHERE DO WE START LOOKING?

WELL, HIS TEMPLE IS HIDDEN. BUT I HAVE BEEN THERE BEFORE. FIRST, WE NEED TO FIND HIS BALLS.



WOW,
YOU WEREN'T
LYING.



I NEVER
LIE.

LONGEST. DRIVE.
EVER!

I NEED
TO RELIEVE
MYSELF.

DON'T
GO TOO FAR,
SPARKLES. WE
DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S OUT
HERE.



THIS IS THE
SPHERE WE NEED.
THE OTHERS ARE
JUST DECOYS.

THESE STONE
BALLS. HOW WILL
THEY HELP US
EXACTLY?

THEY ARE DIRECTIONAL
BEACONS, WHICH ONLY KON'S
ALLIES CAN ACCESS. THINK OF IT AS
AN ADVANCED FORM OF A LOCK AND
KEY. ONCE YOU POSSESS THE KEY
TO OPEN THIS LOCK, THEY WILL
LIGHT THE DIRECTION WE
MUST HEAD.

BUT DO
YOU HAVE
THE KEY?

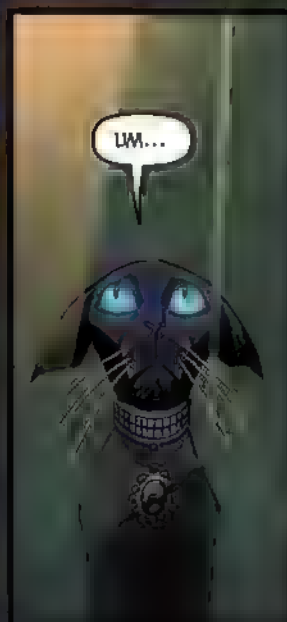
HANK...



...I AM
THE KEY.



OH-- WHEW--
THAAAANK YOU!
HUMANS AND THEIR
HUGE BLADDERS.



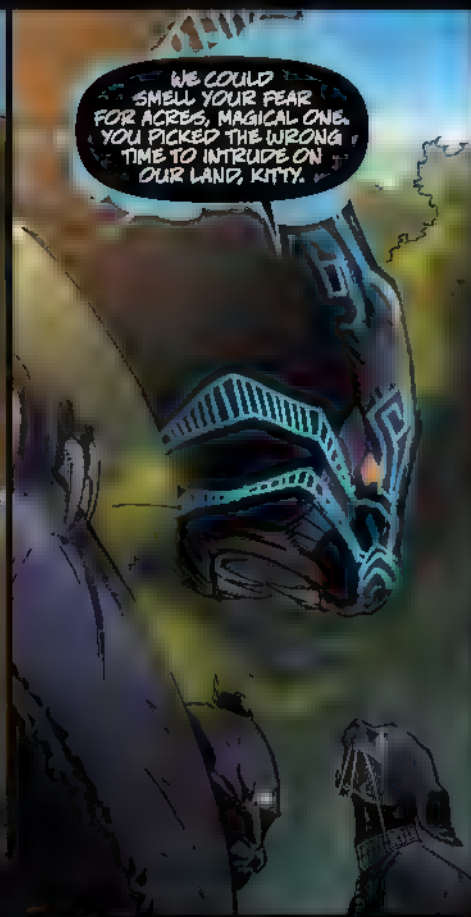
UM...



SCRRTCH

SCRRTCH

GUYS... ?



WE COULD
SMELL YOUR FEAR
FOR ACRES, MAGICAL ONE.
YOU PICKED THE WRONG
TIME TO INTRUDE ON
OUR LAND, KITTY.



I DIDN'T MEAN TO, I'M... SORRY.
I JUST HAD TO-- YOU KNOW-- GO,
BUT I'LL BE ON MY WAY NOW--

DALGO!



SUDANA?!

COME HERE,
YOU!



IT'S BEEN FAR
TOO LONG!

I DIDN'T EXPECT
TO EVER SEE YOU
AGAIN.

I DIDN'T
EITHER, YET,
HERE WE
ARE.



THESE ARE MY
FRIENDS.

SHE CALLED
US FRIENDS,
NICE!

THEY
ARE WITH
YOU?

THEY ARE. BUT
DALGO... WHY AREN'T
YOU GUARDING KON'S
TEMPLE?

WE WERE...
OUTMATCHED. EVEN FOR
OUR MAGIC. IT WAS THE
ANCIENT ONE, SAMSUN.
HE ATTACKED US ALONG
WITH A COVEN OF
SPELLCASTERS.

"THEY OVERWHELMED US--
FOUND A WAY TO SEDATE OUR
POWERS. WE WERE HELPLESS AGAINST
THEIR VILE WORDS STRUNG TOGETHER.
ALL YOU SEE HERE IS WHAT
REMAINS OF US."

"...WHAT
ABOUT KON? IS
HE ALIVE?!"

WE FEEL HIS
ESSENCE INSIDE THE
TEMPLE. HE IS TRAPPED
WITHIN, STILL. BUT, WE
ARE IN NO SHAPE TO
RETURN TO HIS AID.

SAMSUN IS NOT
ALONE? HE HAS ALLIES?
HOW COULD THIS BE? WHY
WOULD THEY DARE JOIN HIS
CAUSE? AND HOW DID I
NOT SEE THIS?

AND MANY
~~FOES~~

WE MUST
GO TO HIM. HELP
HIM. FIGHT WITH
HIM.

THE WITCHES,
THEIR SPELLS CAST
A DARK SHADOW
AROUND THEM.

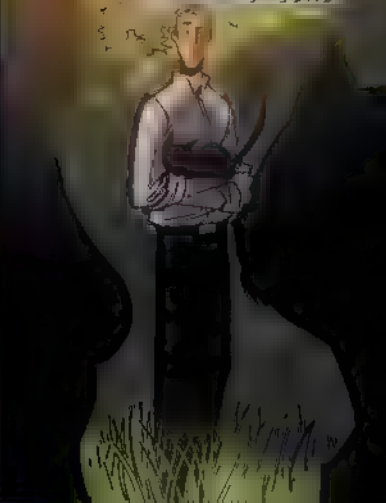
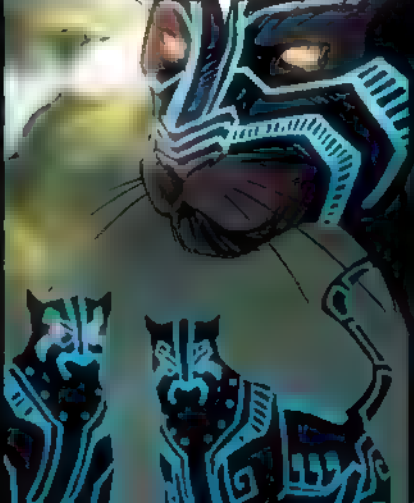
EVEN A
DRUID'S VISION
CANNOT PIERCE THEIR
BLACKNESS. THERE ARE
MANY BEINGS KON HAS
PASSED JUDGMENT
ON...

...THOSE WILLING
TO TAKE UP SAMSUN'S
CAUSE. HE HAS MANY
FOES.

SUDANA, EVEN WITH
YOUR POWERS, I FEAR IT IS
NOT ENOUGH TO CONFRONT SUCH
EVIL. WITHOUT A WAY TO CHALLENGE
SAMSUN'S FORCE, THERE IS NO WAY
TO EVER SEND HIM BACK TO THE
VOID. THERE IS NO HOPE.

DALGO, OLD
FRIEND, YOU ARE
INCORRECT.

HE IS OUR
ANSWER. HE IS
OUR HOPE.





WE'RE
DEAD! WE'RE
SO DEAD!!

NO, IF THEY
WANTED US DEAD
THEY WOULD'VE KILLED
US. THEY'RE TAKING
US SOMEWHERE.

ALLE. ARE
YOU HURT
AT ALL?

NO, BUT I CAN'T
BUDGE THESE THINGS
PINNING ME DOWN! ARE
THEY GOING TO EAT
US HECTOR?

DON'T TRY
TO MOVE. IF THEY
LOSE THEIR GRIP--
YOU FALL.

WE HAVE
TO LET THIS
PLAY OUT.



THIS JUST
KEEPS GETTING
WORSE.

WAIT, I
SEE SOMETHING.
THEY'RE TAKING
US THERE.

WHATEVER
YOU DO, ALLE,
LET ME DO THE
TALKING.

PLEASE.



UNNH!

THUD

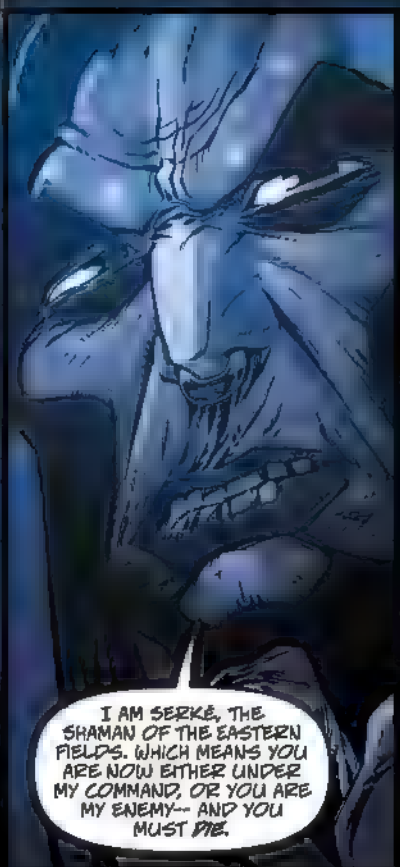


YOU...



...MUST ANSWER TO ME.
WHO--

YOUR MAGIC WAS DETECTED IN MY DOMAIN. NO MAGICAL BEING ENTERS THE VOID WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE.



I AM SERKE, THE SHAMAN OF THE EASTERN FIELDS. WHICH MEANS YOU ARE NOW EITHER UNDER MY COMMAND, OR YOU ARE MY ENEMY-- AND YOU MUST DIE.



SHAMAN, I ASSURE YOU WE'RE NOT YOUR ENEMY. WE'RE HUMANS TRAPPED HERE IN THE VOID REALM, AND TRYING TO GET BACK TO OURS. I'M NO BEING OF MAGIC, REST ASSURED, THAT WAS MERELY ONE OF MY SHOW TRICKS.

SHOW TRICKS? WHAT FORM OF SPELLCAST DO YOU SPEAK OF?

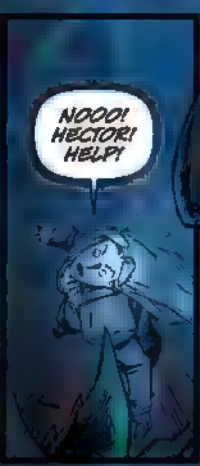
NO, NOT SPELLS, TRICKS. LIKE ENTERTAINMENT. SHOW BUSINESS. HER AND I ARE JUST A PAIR OF PLAIN OLD HUMANS.

HUMANS... HMPH... VERY WELL.



DRONES-- TAKE THEIR HEADS. DRAIN THEIR BLOOD. STORE IT IN THE FROZEN KEEP.

WAIT!



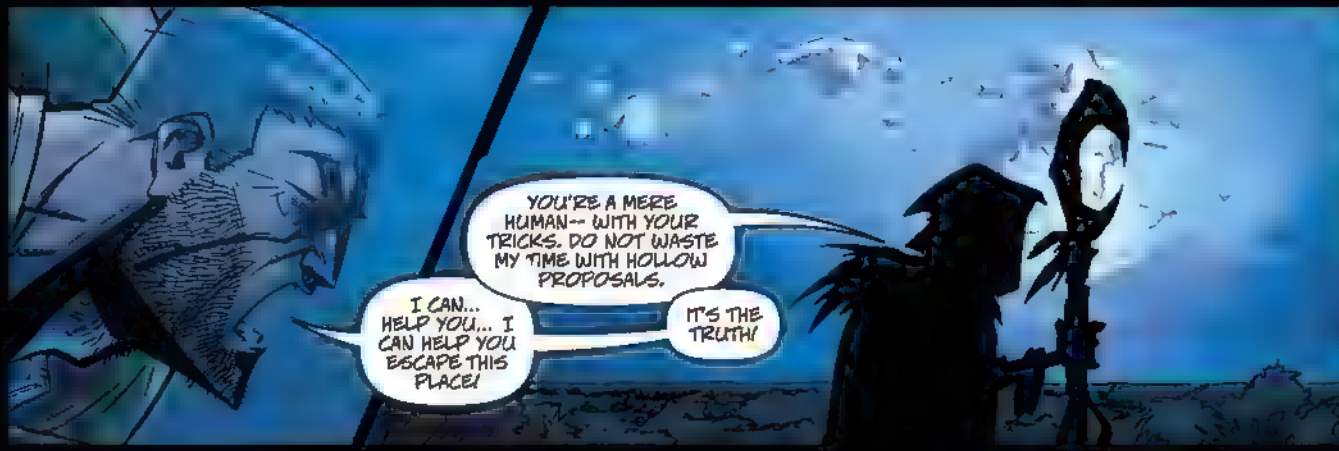
NOOO! HECTOR! HELP!



DO SOMETHING!!!

SHAMAN PLEASE!

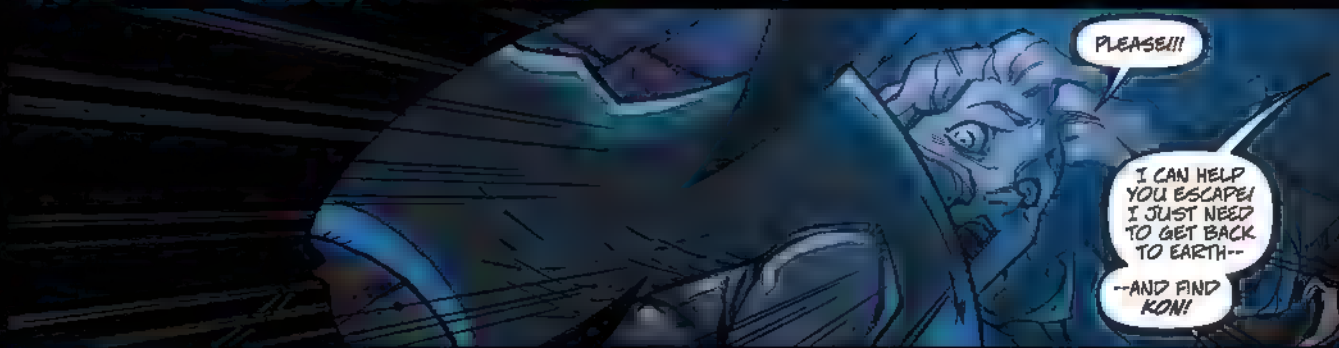
SHOW GRATITUDE THAT I CHOSE A QUICK METHOD OF DEATH FOR YOU.



YOU'RE A MERE HUMAN-- WITH YOUR TRICKS. DO NOT WASTE MY TIME WITH HOLLOW PROPOSALS.

I CAN... HELP YOU... I CAN HELP YOU ESCAPE THIS PLACE!

IT'S THE TRUTH!



PLEASE!!!

I CAN HELP YOU ESCAPE! I JUST NEED TO GET BACK TO EARTH--

--AND FIND KON!



WHO... DID YOU JUST SPEAK OFF?

DRONES, TAKE PAUSE.



SPEAK, HUMAN! NOW! HOW DO YOU KNOW OF THE WIZARD?

BECAUSE KON... IS... MY MENTOR.



LOOK AT
THIS PLACE,
MY GOD.

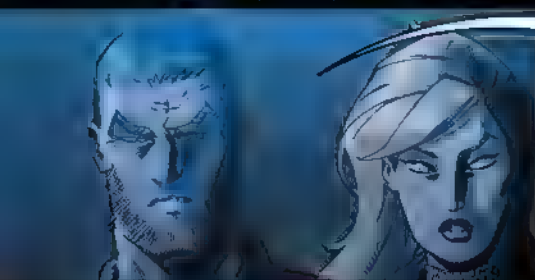
IS THIS
WHERE YOU
LIVE?

SILENCE!

I WILL ASK THE
QUESTIONS, YOU WILL
PROVIDE THE ANSWERS.
UNDERSTAND?

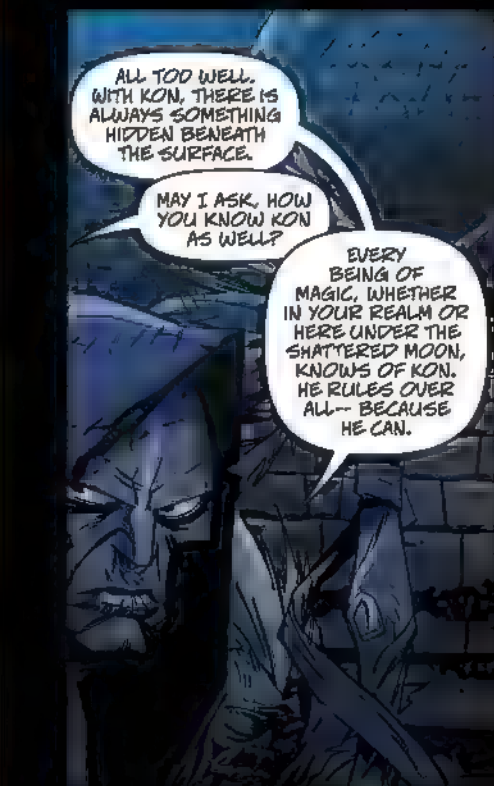


TELL ME, HUMAN.
WHY WOULD THE WISE
WIZARD KON FOOLISHLY ALLOW
HIS GREAT KNOWLEDGE TO
PASS DOWN TO A NON-
MAGICAL ENTITY SUCH
AS YOURSELF?



BECAUSE KON
UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE
OF INTERACTION WITH
US HUMANS.

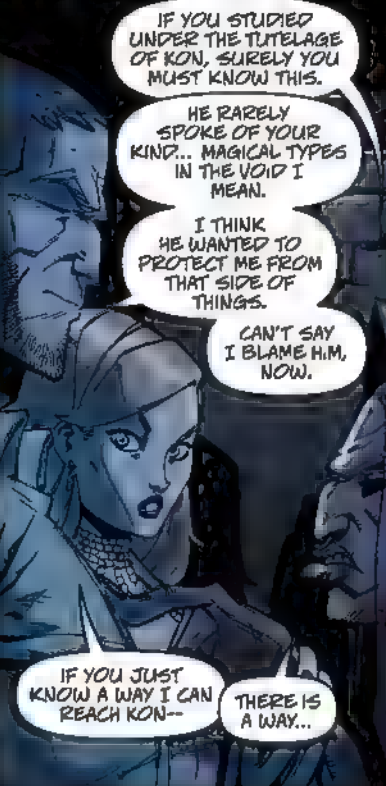
WE DON'T HAVE YOUR
POWERS, BUT HUMANS-- OUR
STRENGTH IS IN NUMBERS, AND
BACK IN OUR REALITY, KON SAW THAT
MAGICAL BEINGS WERE SLIPPING
AWAY, WHILE OUR POPULATION
CONTINUED TO GROW. HE NEEDED
A STAKE IN BOTH CAMPS. AM
I MAKING SENSE?



ALL TOO WELL.
WITH KON, THERE IS
ALWAYS SOMETHING
HIDDEN BENEATH
THE SURFACE.

MAY I ASK, HOW
YOU KNOW KON
AS WELL?

EVERY
BEING OF
MAGIC, WHETHER
IN YOUR REALM OR
HERE UNDER THE
SHATTERED MOON,
HE RULES OVER
ALL-- BECAUSE
HE CAN.



IF YOU STUDIED
UNDER THE TUTELAGE
OF KON, SURELY YOU
MUST KNOW THIS.

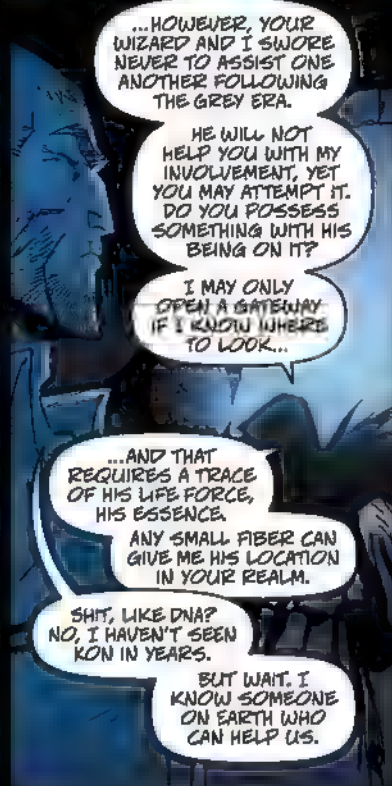
HE RARELY
SPOKE OF YOUR
KIND... MAGICAL TYPES
IN THE VOID I
MEAN.

I THINK
HE WANTED TO
PROTECT ME FROM
THAT SIDE OF
THINGS.

CAN'T SAY
I BLAME HIM,
NOW.

IF YOU JUST
KNOW A WAY I CAN
REACH KON--

THERE IS
A WAY...



...HOWEVER, YOUR
WIZARD AND I SWORE
NEVER TO ASSIST ONE
ANOTHER FOLLOWING
THE GREY ERA.

HE WILL NOT
HELP YOU WITH MY
INVOLVEMENT, YET
YOU MAY ATTEMPT IT.
DO YOU POSSESS
SOMETHING WITH HIS
BEING ON IT?

I MAY ONLY
OPEN A GATEWAY
IF I KNOW WHERE
TO LOOK...

...AND THAT
REQUIRES A TRACE
OF HIS LIFE FORCE,
HIS ESSENCE.
ANY SMALL FIBER CAN
GIVE ME HIS LOCATION
IN YOUR REALM.

SHIT, LIKE DNA?
NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN
KON IN YEARS.

BUT WAIT. I
KNOW SOMEONE
ON EARTH WHO
CAN HELP US.



ALLE, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON YOU THAT HANK HAS GIVEN TO YOU OR EVEN JUST TOUCHED. IF SO, I NEED IT NOW.

LOOK AT ME, HECTOR, DOES IT LOOK LIKE I HAVE ANYTHING ON ME, AND BELIEVE ME, HANK HASN'T TOUCHED ME IN WEEKS.

SERIOUSLY? YOU GUYS REALLY NEED A COUNSELOR OR SOMETHING. WE JUST NEED SOMETHING... ANYTHING...

WAM! I'VE GOT IT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

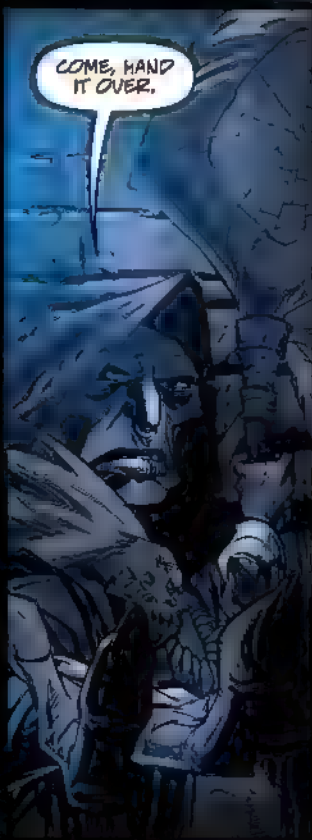
IT SHOULD STILL BE IN HERE--

WHAT?!



THIS! JACKPOT! COMPLETE WITH HANK'S FINGERPRINTS.

THIS WILL WORK, RIGHT SHAMAN?



COME, HAND IT OVER.



LET US FIND OUT.



I KNEW THERE WERE MORE OF US... ANIMALS.

I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE SINCE I WAS A KITTEN.

WE ARE FAR MORE RARE NOWADAYS.

MOST HAVE TAKEN TO THE INHOSPITABLE LANDS THE HUMANS DARE NOT VENTURE TO.

IS THAT WHY YOU'RE HERE IN THE JUNGLE?

NO, CAT. WE ARE SWORN GUARDIANS OF KON. WE HAVE LIVED IN MANY ENVIRONMENTS, WHEREVER OUR WIZARD IS NEEDED.

HIS TEMPLE HERE IN COSTA RICA IS BUT ONE OF MANY OF HIS PROPERTIES. BUT I DO VERY MUCH ENJOY THE MOISTURE IN THE AIR HERE, I MUST ADMIT.



WHAT DID YOU MEAN BACK THERE? ABOUT ME BEING THE "ANSWER"? YOU DON'T REALLY THINK I'M GONNA BE ABLE TO HELP YOU STOP SAM-SUN, DO YOU?

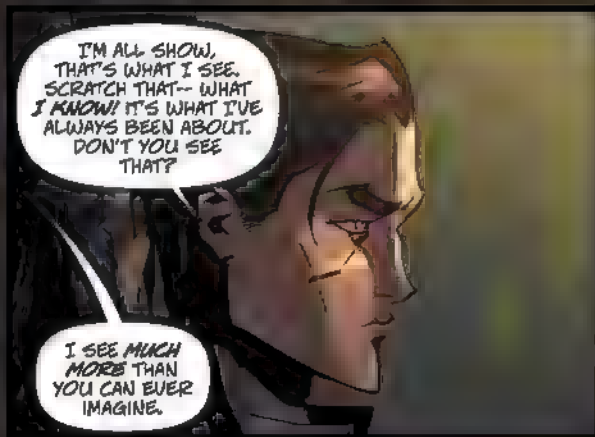
YOU ARE THE ANSWER HANK. IT'S WHY I BROUGHT YOU HERE.

I HONESTLY JUST THOUGHT YOU NEEDED THE EXTRA MANPOWER. I'M NOT SURE I'M QUITE UP TO SAVING THE WORLD THOUGH.

LISTEN...



...I BROUGHT YOU HERE BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ANSWER. EVEN IF YOU DON'T SEE IT YET.



I'M ALL SHOW, THAT'S WHAT I SEE. SCRATCH THAT-- WHAT I KNOW! IT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT. DON'T YOU SEE THAT?

I SEE MUCH MORE THAN YOU CAN EVER IMAGINE.



LIKE WHAT? WHAT... ARE YOU, EXACTLY?



LIKE I SAID, I'M A DRUID. AND I SEE...

EVERYTHING.

AND PUT
INTO OUR MINDS
LIKE A COMPUTER
DOWNLOADING
INFORMATION.

WAS
BORN KNOWING
HATE BEFORE
INNOCENCE.

SINCE BEFORE
HUMANITY CREATED
THEIR OWN CIVILIZATION,
OUR KIND WAS
EVERYWHERE.

PASSED ON
FROM GENERATION
TO GENERATION
OF DRUIDS.

MY MENT, THAT
AFFECTED MAGICAL BEINGS
WAS RECORDED.

WHICH IS JUST
ABOUT EVERYTHING.

ALL DRUIDS, OUR NETWORK
IS ONE, BUT AS OUR NUMBERS
BEGIN TO LESSEN, SO TOO, DOES
THE STRENGTH OF OUR CONNECTION,
BUT THE EVENTS— THE EMOTIONS—
THEY STILL REMAIN POWERFUL
IN OUR PSYCHE.

I'VE SEEN GREAT PERIODS
OF HOPE, BUT ALSO GREED
AND HORRIFIC TRAGEDY...

HATE

FEAR

PITY

THE PRESIDENT
LIES

AND MORE
THAN ANYTHING
DECEPTION.

ALWAYS DECEPTION.
IT'S WHAT BOTH HUMANS AND
MAGICAL BEINGS EXCEL AT, NO MATTER THE
TIME OR THE PLACE. IT'S WHAT MOST LIKELY
AMBUSHED KON AND CAUGHT HIM OFF-GUARD,
AND PROBABLY WHY I COULDN'T SEE INTO
HIS TEMPLE IN TIME TO SAVE HIM. A COVEN
CAN BLOCK US WITH THEIR SPELLS...
WHICH NOW, IS TRULY
FRUSTRATING.

SUDANA...

...DO YOU NEED
A MINUTE?

HEH, NO. I'M OK,
THANKS. AND SORRY,
YOU'D THINK SEEING
EVERYTHING LIKE I HAVE
WOULD MAKE ME MORE
IMMUNE TO ANYTHING
BY NOW. BUT--

--BUT YOU'RE A
GOOD PERSON, SO YOU
SHOULD FEEL SOMETHING.
THAT DOESN'T CHANGE
WHETHER YOU'RE MAGICAL
OR NOT, RIGHT?

RIGHT.
NOW,
ABOUT YOUR
POWERS--

--HANK DON'T
FREAK OUT ON ME
ALREADY, I HAVEN'T
EVEN TOLD YOU WHAT
YOU CAN DO
YE--

--BEHIND
YOU.

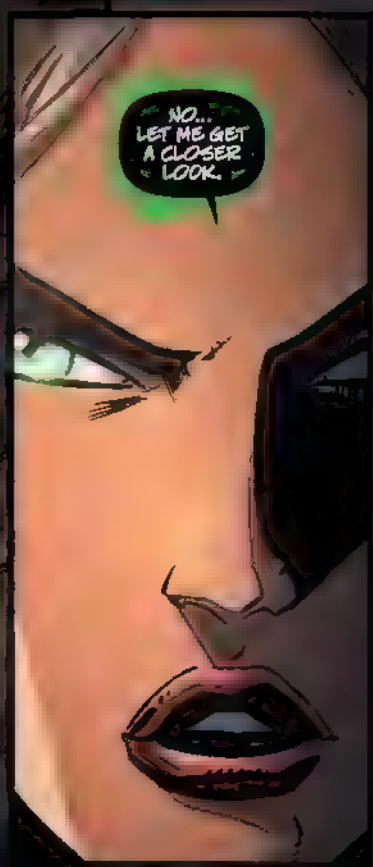
WHAT IS
THAT?

HANK,
GET DOWN
NOW!



IT'S A
PORTAL
STAY
BEHIND ME,
HANK.

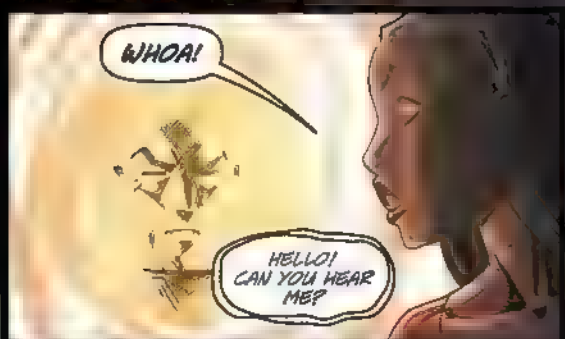
I CAN
VANISH US
AWAY FROM
HERE.



NO...
LET ME GET
A CLOSER
LOOK.



IT LOOKS...
EMPTY.



WHOA!

HELLO!
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?



HEC?



HECTOR!
HOLY CRAP
WHAT'RE YOU
DOING??

IT WORKED!

HANK!



ALLE! HECTOR,
YOU FOUND HER!
ALLE, ARE YOU
OK?

HANK,
YOU NEED TO
HELP US GET OUT
OF HERE! IT'S
HORRIBLE!

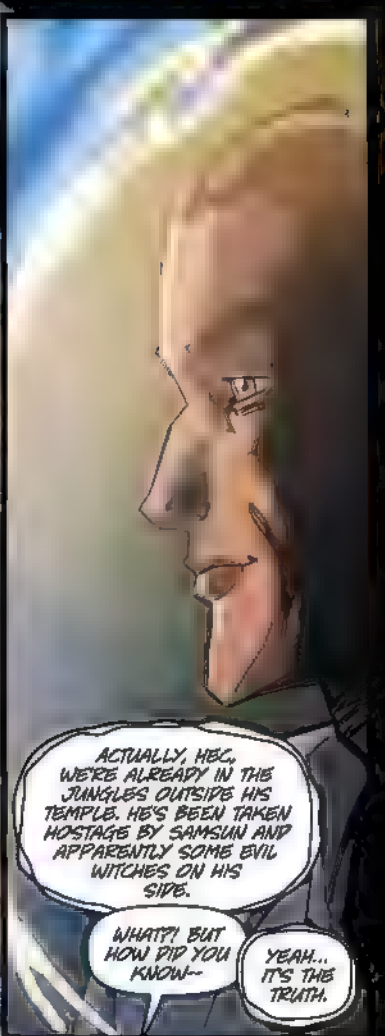


I MISS
YOU... SO
MUCH.

HANG IN
THERE, WE'LL
FIGURE THIS OUT,
I PROMISE.

HANK, SHE'S RIGHT.
WE NEED YOUR HELP
GETTING OUT OF HERE. WE'VE
MET SOMEONE IN THE
VOID WHO'S HELPING US
COMMUNICATE WITH
YOU...

...BUT WE CAN'T PASS
THROUGH A PORTAL BY
OURSELVES. I NEED YOU TO
SOMEHOW REACH MY MENTOR--
THE WIZARD KON FOR ME.
I'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT HIM
BEFORE, REMEMBER?



ACTUALLY, HEC,
WE'RE ALREADY IN THE
JUNGLES OUTSIDE HIS
TEMPLE. HE'S BEEN TAKEN
HOSTAGE BY SAMSON AND
APPARENTLY SOME EVIL
WITCHES ON HIS
SIDE.

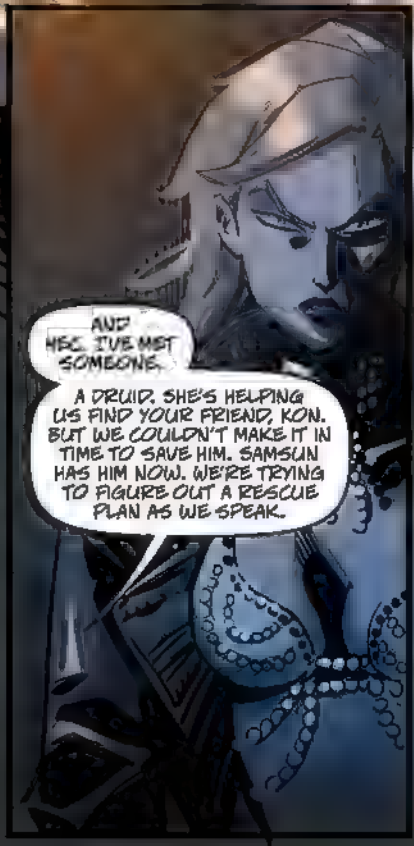
WHATT! BUT
HOW DID YOU
KNOW--

YEAH...
IT'S THE
TRUTH.

THERE IS STILL
HOPE. WE WILL TAKE
THEM ON OURSELVES
AND SEND SAMSON
BACK THERE.

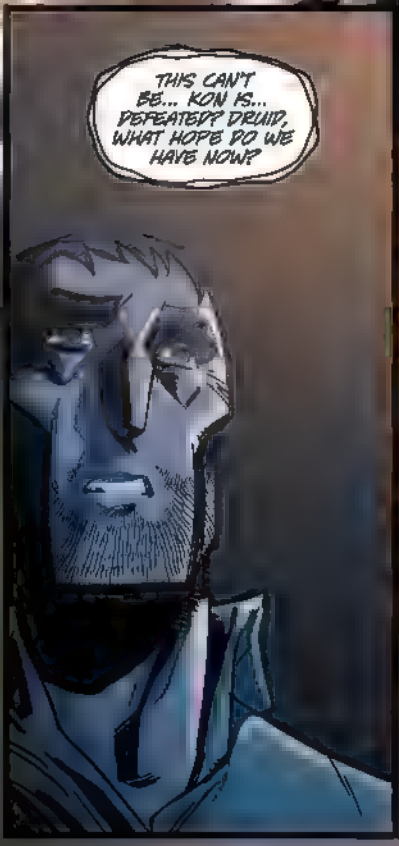
I DON'T
SEE HOW.

SURE YOU
DO...



AND
HEC, I'VE MET
SOMEONE.

A DRUID. SHE'S HELPING
US FIND YOUR FRIEND, KON.
BUT WE COULDN'T MAKE IT IN
TIME TO SAVE HIM. SAMSON
HAS HIM NOW. WE'RE TRYING
TO FIGURE OUT A RESCUE
PLAN AS WE SPEAK.



THIS CAN'T
BE... KON IS...
DEFEATED? DRUID,
WHAT HOPE DO WE
HAVE NOW?

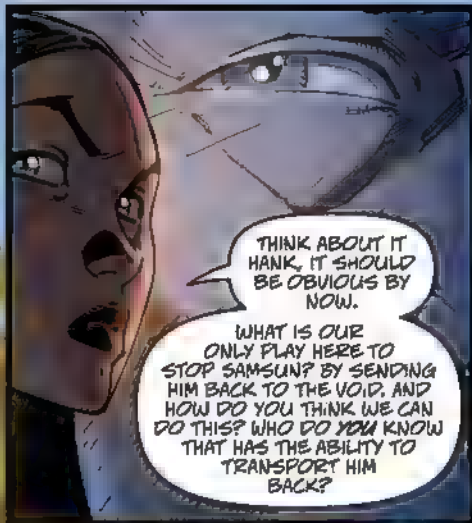
...BECAUSE
YOU'RE STARING AT
OUR SOLUTION.

BUT--

YOUR FRIEND
IS THE ONLY ONE
NOW WHO CAN
STOP THIS.

HOW
EXACTLY?

YEAH,
I'D LIKE TO
KNOW THAT
AS WELL--



THINK ABOUT IT
HANK, IT SHOULD
BE OBVIOUS BY
NOW.

WHAT IS OUR
ONLY PLAY HERE TO
STOP SAMSUNG? BY SENDING
HIM BACK TO THE VOID. AND
HOW DO YOU THINK WE CAN
DO THIS? WHO DO YOU KNOW
THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO
TRANSPORT HIM
BACK?

HANK.



WHAT? NO WAIT, I CAN'T
VANISH THROUGH REALMS!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

SPARKLES
CAN TALK?

YES,
YOU CAN,
HANK.

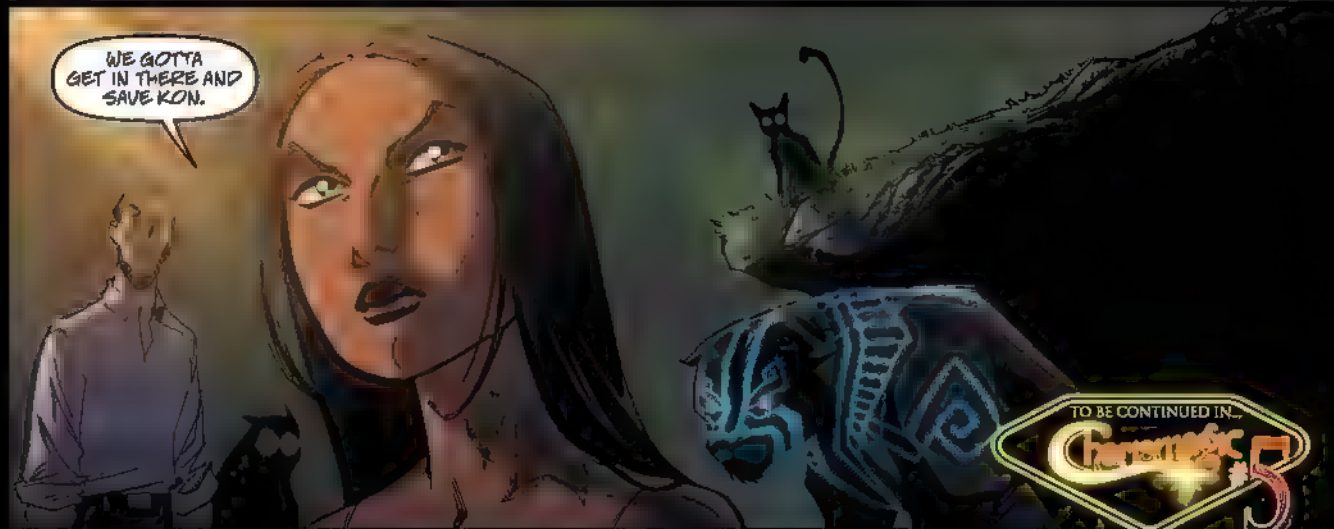
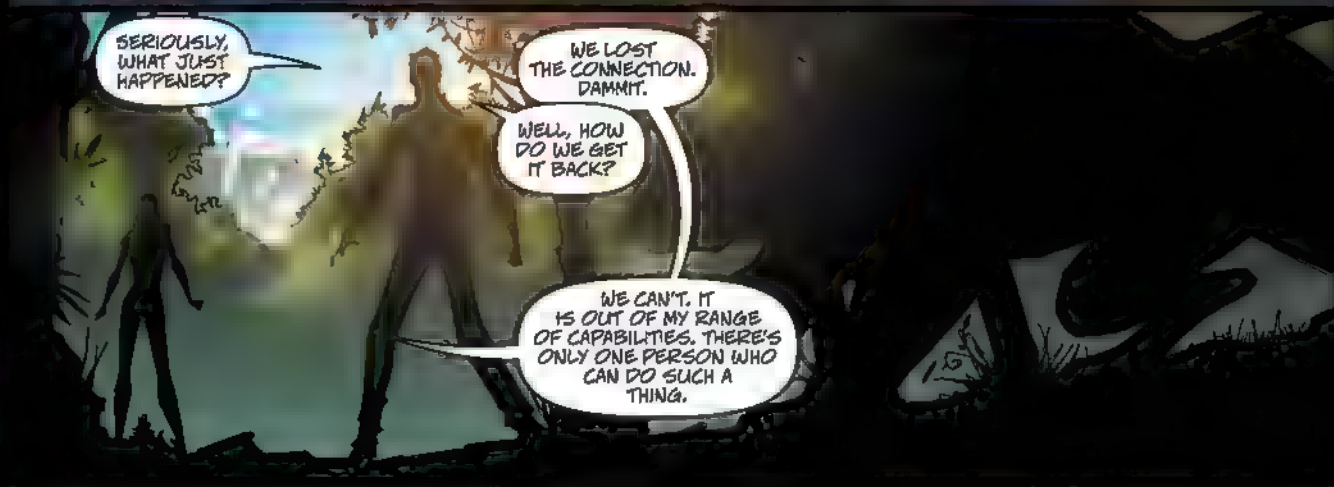
NO, I CAN'T. I
KNOW WHAT I CAN
AND CANNOT DO-- AND
THIS I CAN'T DO, PLAIN
AND SIMPLE. IT'S
TOO FAR.



A PORTAL
FROM THE VOID?
HOW CAN THIS
BE?

HUMAN, HOW
ARE YOU CREATING
THIS GATEWAY? WHO
IS HELPING YOU IN
THE VOID?





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TOO LATE,
BIRD.

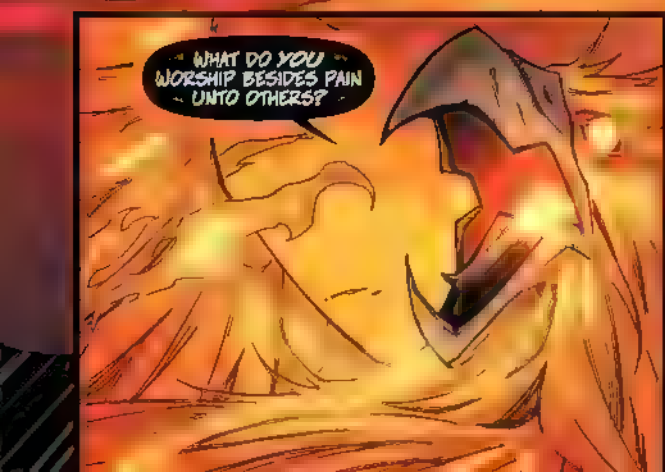


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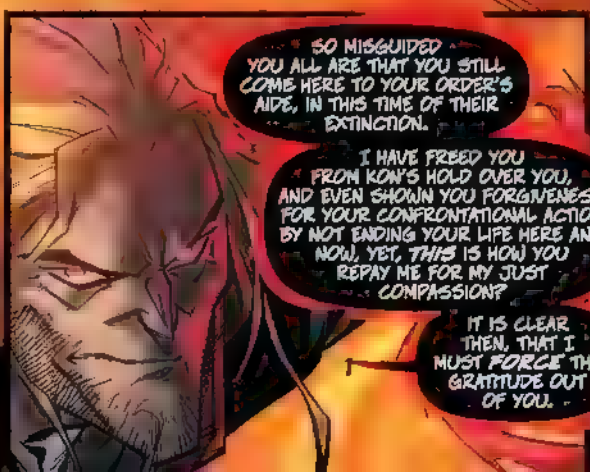


YOUR PRECIOUS
KON HAS BEEN SUBJUGATED
FOR ALL OF ETERNITY. BUT, I
WILL ALLOW YOU A REPRIEVE
SO YOU MAY GO UPON YOUR
WAY... ALIVE.

YOU WILL
SUFFER FOR YOUR
ATTACK ON THE ORDER.
SAMSUN! THERE ARE STILL
SOME OF US REMAINING
WHO WORSHIP THEIR
BELIEFS. WHAT THEY
ARE A SYMBOL OF.



WHAT DO YOU
WORSHIP BESIDES PAIN
UNTO OTHERS?



SO MISGUIDED
YOU ALL ARE THAT YOU STILL
COME HERE TO YOUR ORDER'S
AIDE, IN THIS TIME OF THEIR
EXTINCTION.

I HAVE FREED YOU
FROM KON'S HOLD OVER YOU,
AND EVEN SHOWN YOU FORGIVENESS
FOR YOUR CONFRONTATIONAL ACTION
BY NOT ENDING YOUR LIFE HERE AND
NOW. YET, THIS IS HOW YOU
REPAY ME FOR MY JUST
COMPASSION?

IT IS CLEAR
THEN, THAT I
MUST FORCE THE
GRATITUDE OUT
OF YOU.



HEATHEN!

YOU MAY
HAVE ONCE HELD
POWER OVER ME,
BIRD OF PREY!



ALL OF
YOU!



YET, THAT
WAS AGES
AGO...

KRAAAAAAH



NOW...

KRAAK

...I RULE
OVER YOU
ALL



THE JUNGLE IN
COSTA RICA.

HANK...

YOU WANT
THE TRUTH?

...ARE YOU
OKAY?

WHAT DO
YOU THINK?

WHAT I
THINK--

--IS THAT
I'M NO HERO,
SUDANA.

WHAT YOU'RE ASKING ME
TO DO, TRANSPORT SAMSON
INTO THE VOID REALM... I... I
CAN'T. IT'S JUST... TOO FAR.
I'M NOT AS CAPABLE WITH
MY MAGIC AS YOU ARE.

YES, YOU ARE...
YOU NEED TO TRUST
THE MAGIC INSIDE YOU.
IT'S FAR STRONGER
THAN YOU REALIZE.

EVEN WHEN
YOU HID YOUR MAGIC
FROM HUMANKIND, DID
IT NOT STILL MAKE
ITSELF KNOWN TO YOU
IN ITS OWN WAYS?

STAND UP. I
WANT TO SHOW YOU
SOMETHING.

WHAT?

JUST DO IT...
TRUST ME.

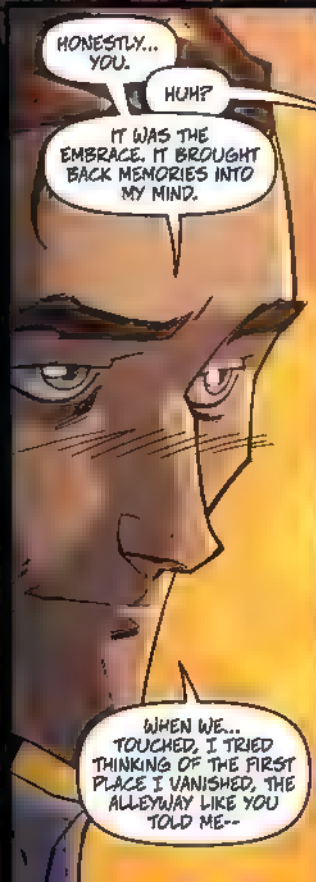
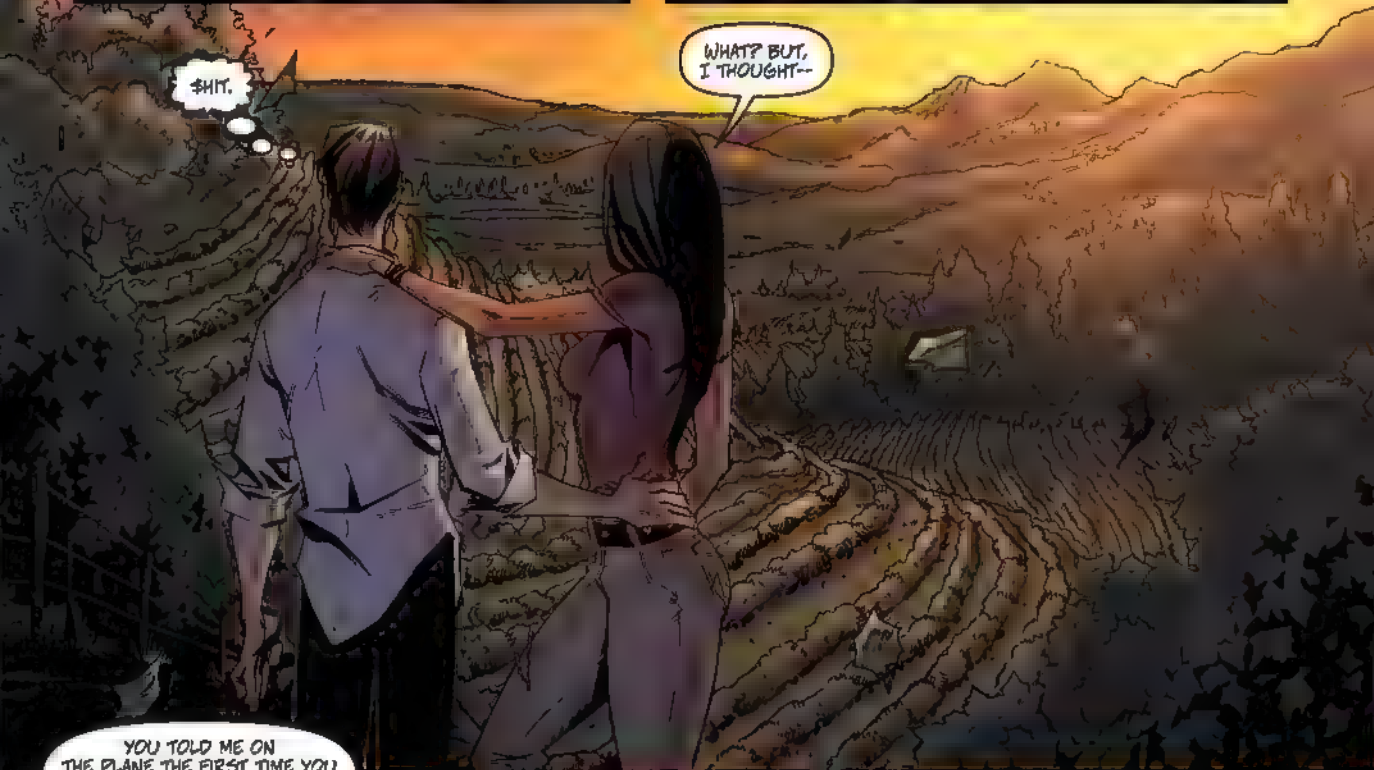
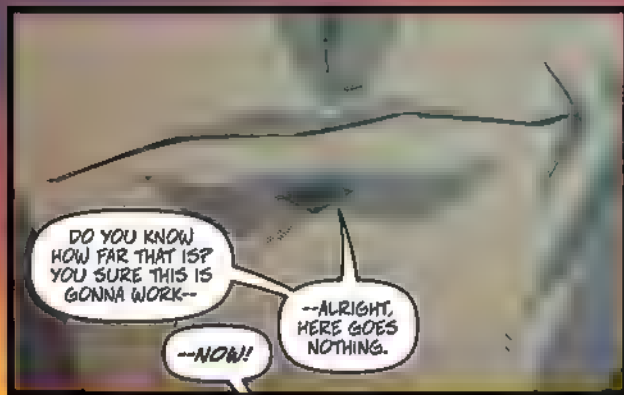
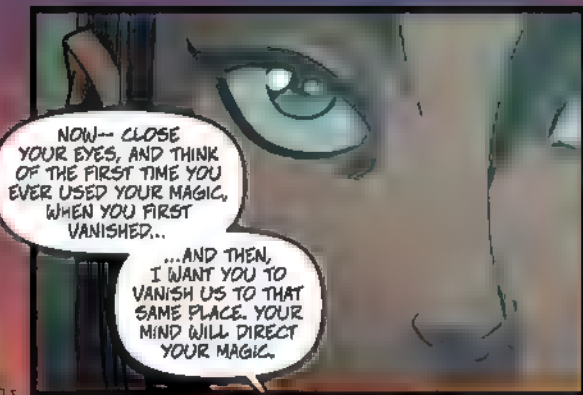
OKAY,
WHATEVER
YOU SA--

--WHOA...
ARE YOU
OKAY?

I'M FINE, DON'T
WORRY, I'M NOT GONNA
HURT YOU. I WANT YOU TO
VANISH BOTH OF US. JUST
LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOING
WITH SPARKLES.

IT'S TIME YOU
SAW FIRSTHAND
WHAT YOU CAN
REALLY DO.

WORRY
IS NOT THE
RIGHT WORD FOR
WHAT I'M FEELING
RIGHT NOW. STAY
COOL, HANK.



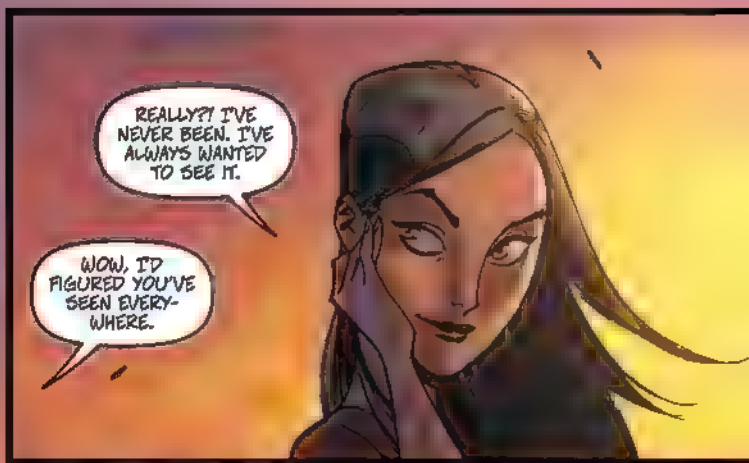


OH.

I'M SORRY,
MY MIND WAS IN
THE GUTTER. HERE
WAIT, I CAN TRY
AGAIN.

WHERE IS
THIS, ANYWAY? IT'S
GORGEOUS.

IT'S
UM, NAPA
VALLEY.



REALLY? I'VE
NEVER BEEN. I'VE
ALWAYS WANTED
TO SEE IT.

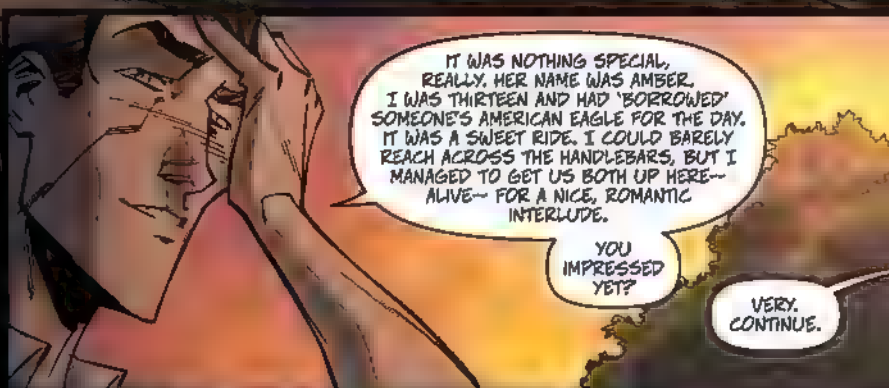
WOW, I'D
FIGURED YOU'VE
SEEN EVERY-
WHERE.



IT'S A BIG
PLANET, HANK.
BESIDES--



--TELL ME
MORE ABOUT
THIS KISS.



IT WAS NOTHING SPECIAL,
REALLY. HER NAME WAS AMBER.
I WAS THIRTEEN AND HAD 'BORROWED'
SOMEONE'S AMERICAN EAGLE FOR THE DAY.
IT WAS A SWEET RIDE. I COULD BARELY
REACH ACROSS THE HANDLEBARS, BUT I
MANAGED TO GET US BOTH UP HERE--
ALIVE-- FOR A NICE, ROMANTIC
INTERLUDE.

YOU
IMPRESSED
YET?

VERY.
CONTINUE.

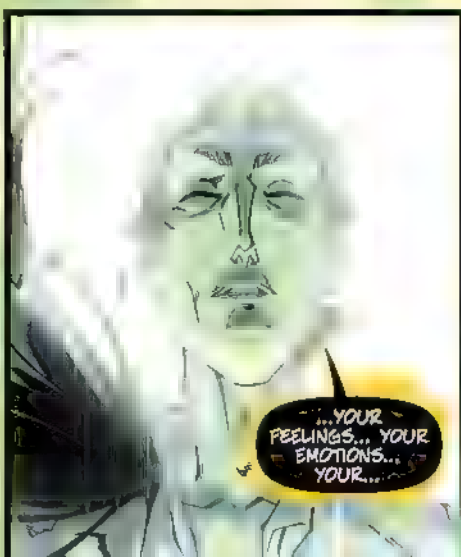
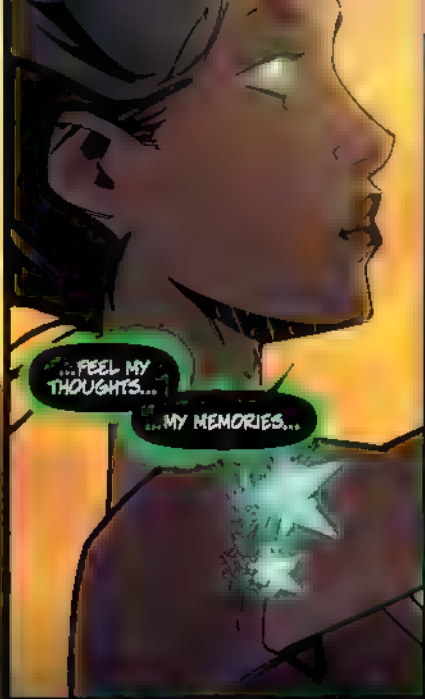


WELL, NOT MUCH
TO IT AFTER THAT. WE
STOPPED HERE AND TOOK
IN THIS MAGNIFICENT SIGHT,
THEN-- POOF! I PLANTED
ONE ON HER. IT WAS
LIKE... MAGIC.

OH, BOY.
WHAT?
JEALOUS?

HAI DOUBTFUL,
ROMEO. NOW, LEMME
SHOW YOU SOME-
THING ELSE.

SOMETHING
YOU'LL NEED
TO KNOW.





.. EVERYTHING.



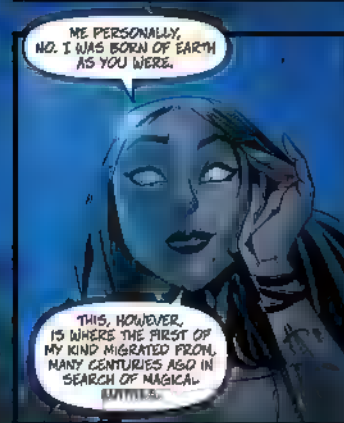
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

ARE YOU IMPRESSED YET?

VERY.

THIS IS THE HOME OF MY PEOPLE.

YOU'RE FROM HERE?



ME PERSONALLY, NO. I WAS BORN OF EARTH AS YOU WERE.

THIS, HOWEVER, IS WHERE THE FIRST OF MY KIND MIGRATED FROM, MANY CENTURIES AGO IN SEARCH OF MAGICAL BATTLES.



WAIT-- ARE YOU SAYING WE'RE NOT ON EARTH ANYMORE?

THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, YES.

BUT, HOW DID--

--IT'S YOUR POWER, HANK. IT BROUGHT US HERE BECAUSE MY EMOTIONS WERE FOCUSED HERE.

YOU ARE NOT THE FIRST WHO COULD VANISH BETWEEN REALMS. IT IS A RARE MAGICAL TRAIT, BUT ONE THAT HAS EXISTED SINCE BEFORE YOU CAME ALONG.

IF YOU FOCUS HARD ENOUGH, YOU WON'T EVEN NEED THE TOUCH OF ANOTHER PERSON TO TRAVEL WHERE YOU WISH TO GO.

YOU ONLY NEED THINK IT-- AND YOU CAN TAKE YOURSELF THERE.



IT HAS BEEN HUNDREDS SINCE I'VE HAD THE FORTUNE OF VANISHING BACK HERE.



SOOO, I'M NOT YOUR FIRST VANISHER?

IF YOU ONLY KNEW...

WHY? JEALOUS?

WHOP ME? PSSH!



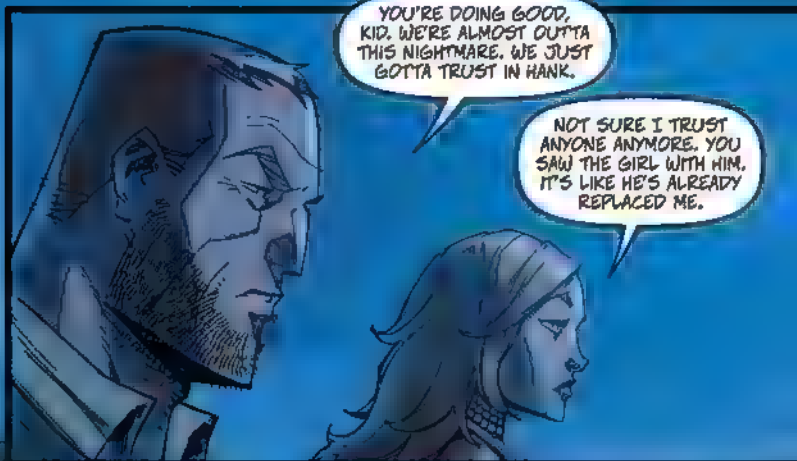
MAYBE JUST A LITTLE.

C'MON, LET'S GET BACK TO COSTA RICA.



ALLE,
HOW ARE YOU
HOLDING UP?

I'M NOT SURE,
ACTUALLY. I FEEL
SO... EMPTY. THIS IS
ALL TOO MUCH FOR
ME, HECTOR.



YOU'RE DOING GOOD,
KID. WE'RE ALMOST OUTTA
THIS NIGHTMARE. WE JUST
GOTTA TRUST IN HANK.

NOT SURE I TRUST
ANYONE ANYMORE. YOU
SAW THE GIRL WITH HIM.
IT'S LIKE HE'S ALREADY
REPLACED ME.



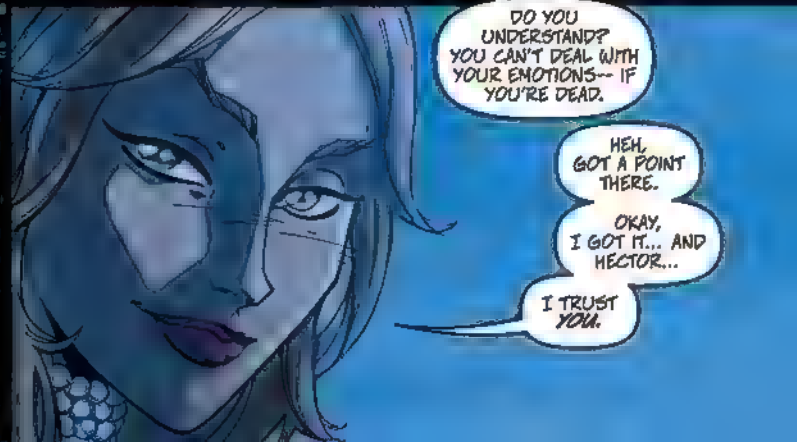
THAT'S NOT IT, ALLE.
YOU CAN'T JUMP TO ANY
CONCLUSIONS. SHE IS A DRUID,
A HELPFUL BEING OF MAGIC. SHE
IS SOMEONE VERY USEFUL TO
OUR CAUSE, ESPECIALLY IN
THIS DIRE SITUATION. HANK
CAN USE HER AID.

WELL, MAYBE...
MAYBE A PART OF ME--
DEEP DOWN-- WOULDN'T EVEN
MIND IF HE DID HAVE FEELINGS
FOR HER. THAT'S THE PART
THAT WORRIES ME.



ALLE, I DON'T
KNOW WHAT IT IS
THAT YOU MIGHT BE
FEELING RIGHT
NOW.

BUT, THIS IS NOT
THE TIME TO BURDEN
YOURSELF WITH IT. ONCE
HANK FINDS KON AND THEY
ARE ABLE TO REOPEN A
PORTAL, WE MUST BE
READY TO MOVE.



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?
YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH
YOUR EMOTIONS-- IF
YOU'RE DEAD.

HEH,
GOT A POINT
THERE.

OKAY,
I GOT IT... AND
HECTOR...

I TRUST
YOU.

COSTA RICA.

DALGO,
CAN I ASK YOU
A QUESTION?

YOU
MAY, LITTLE
ONE.

WHY CAN'T
A HUMAN PASS
THROUGH A PORTAL
ON THEIR OWN?
WHAT HAPPENS
IF THEY TRY?

IF A HUMAN
WERE TO TRY
TO CROSS A PORTAL
ON THEIR OWN
ACCORD...

...THERE WOULD BE
LITTLE REMAINING OF
HIS HUMAN FLESH FORM
TO PROVE THEY EVER
EXISTED.



BUT YOU MUST SEE,
SPARKLES, THAT NOT ONLY HUMANS
ARE BARRED FROM CROSSING OVER
REALMS, BUT MAGICAL BEINGS AS WELL.
EVEN KON, WERE HE TO TRY TO CROSS
A PORTAL, WOULD SUSTAIN UNSPEAKABLE
DAMAGE TO HIS LIFE FORCE. HE CAN SEND
A BEING THROUGH, BUT CANNOT CROSS
HIMSELF. TO US, PORTALS ARE MERELY
ONE-WAY STREETS, AS YOU HUMANS
WOULD KNOW THEM AS.

THIS IS WHY YOUR
MASTER, HANK, IS
SO POWERFUL...



...HE MAY VANISH INTO
ANY REALM HE CHOOSES--
AND CAN RETURN.



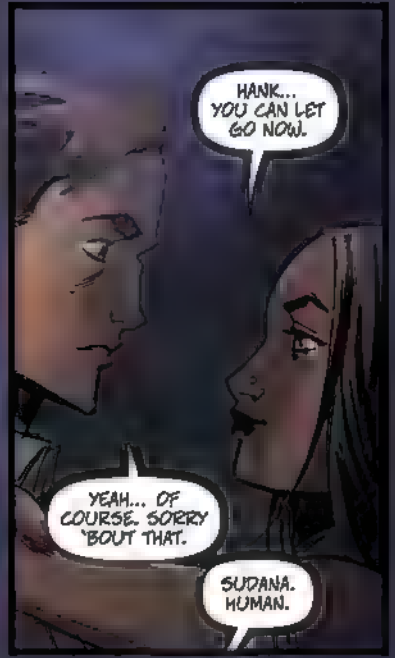
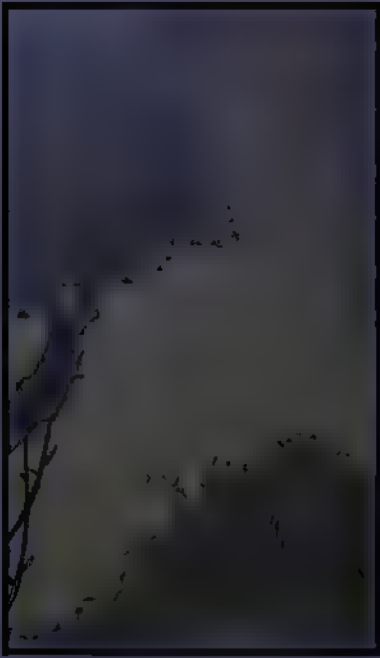
HOWEVER, WHAT WORRIES ME IS
NOT HANK-- BUT HIS MENTOR HECTOR, AND
HOW EXACTLY HE WAS ABLE TO OPEN A
PORTAL FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

THIS IS
SOMETHING THAT
TAKES A TREMENDOUS
LEVEL OF MAGICAL
POWER.

AND I FEAR
WE MAY FIND OUT
THE SOURCE SOON
ENOUGH.



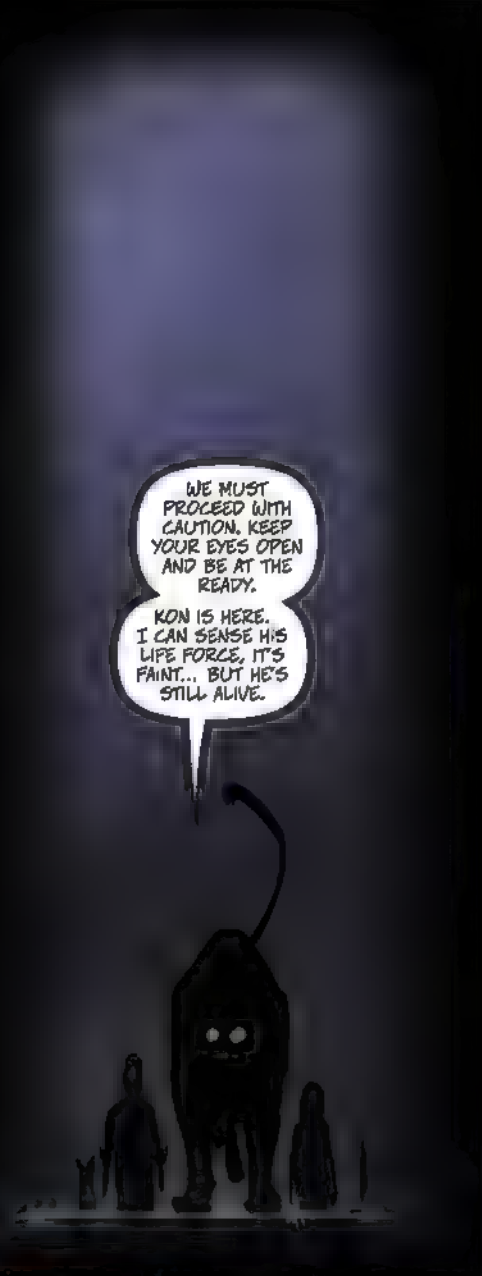
SPARKLES,
COME. WE HAVE
SOMETHING FOR
YOU.





I EXPECTED
A LITTLE MORE...
RESISTANCE.

WHAT YOU
CAN'T SEE CAN
OFTEN TIMES BE
WORSE THAN
WHAT YOU
CAN.



WE MUST
PROCEED WITH
CAUTION. KEEP
YOUR EYES OPEN
AND BE AT THE
READY.

KON IS HERE.
I CAN SENSE HIS
LIFE FORCE, IT'S
FAINT... BUT HE'S
STILL ALIVE.



WOW. THIS
WIZARD IS LOADED.
I WOULD'VE NEVER
GUESSED FROM
THE OUTSIDE.

HANK, STAY
FOCUSED.

RIGHT.



THERE!



NO...

HOW
CAN THIS
BE...?

WHAT...
IS THAT?



THIS CANNOT BE.

THIS IS THE WALL OF TRAPPED SOULS. A REALM OF ENDLESS NOTHING.

GEEZ, HOW MANY REALMS DO YOU GUYS HAVE?



DO NOT MAKE LIGHT OF THIS, HUMAN! KON CREATED THIS REALM TO FREE MANKIND OF THE HORRORS OF VILE MAGIC.



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VOID, DALGO? WHY NOT SEND SOULS THERE?

BECAUSE, SPARKLES, KON IS A WISE AND PROGRESSIVE THINKER. CAPABLE OF REALIZING THE ERROR IN HIS OWN WAYS. IN THIS WALL, MAGICAL BEINGS ARE UNABLE TO CREATE PORTALS TO ESCAPE.



HE REALIZED THE VOID REALM WAS ULTIMATELY A MISTAKE-- THAT TO BANISH AND ISOLATE SUCH EVIL, COULD ONLY OVER TIME LEAD TO THEIR CONSOLIDATION. AND ONCE THAT HAPPENS... OR HAPPENED...

WELL... IT WOULD LEAD TO THIS.



ACTUALLY INVADERS-- IT WILL LEAD TO A FAR WORSE CIRCUMSTANCE...



...FOR ALL OF YOU.



WRETCHED SPELLCASTERS! YOUR FOUL BLOOD WILL STAIN MY PAWS FOR THE HONOR OF OUR LOST GUARDIANS!

URRK!

SAVE YOUR BREATH FOR THOSE WHO WILL LISTEN, FELINE!



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM THEM!

SCREW THAT! WE CAN HELP!

PLEASE! JUST TRUST ME, HANK!

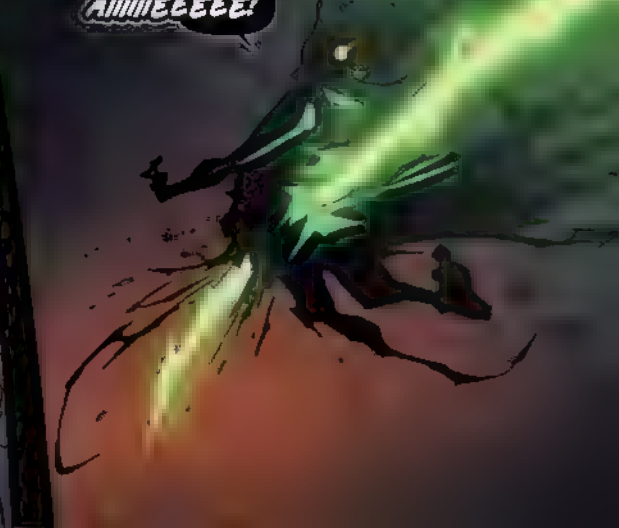
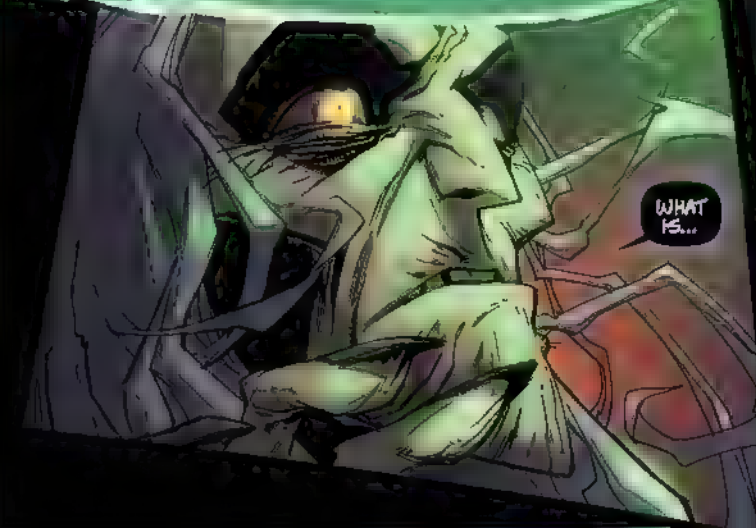
HANK! YOU'RE TOO IMPORTANT! PLEASE!

I GOT THIS!

NO SPARKLES!

THE HEFTY ONE, SHE'S TOO SLOW FOR ME!







NOY



PETRA!

YOU...
UNGGH...
WILL ALL
DIE!



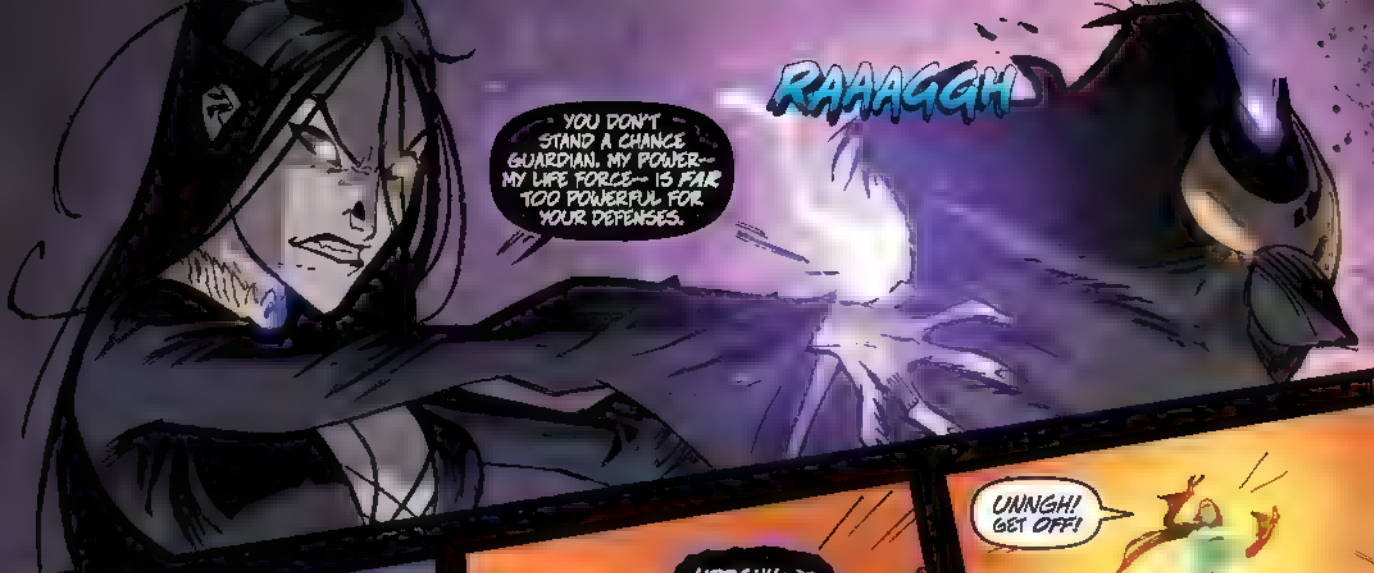
YOU WILL
SUPPER FOR HER LIFE,
CREATURE!



COME HERE,
DRUID!



BRING
IT.



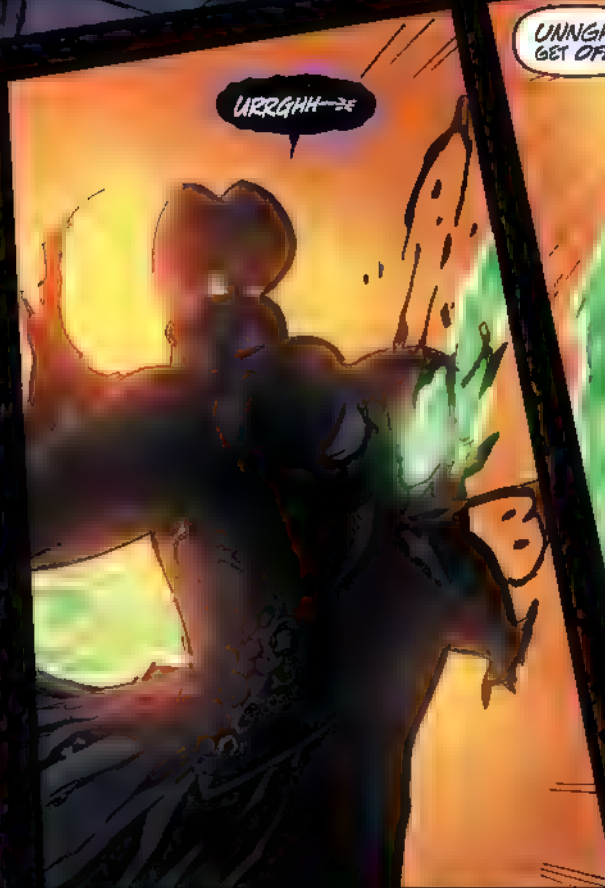
YOU DON'T
STAND A CHANCE
GUARDIAN. MY POWER--
MY LIFE FORCE-- IS FAR
TOO POWERFUL FOR
YOUR DEFENSES.

RAAAGGH



YOU DEFENDED
YOUR WIZARD ADMIRABLY,
BEAST. TO HIS END, AND
YOUR OWN.

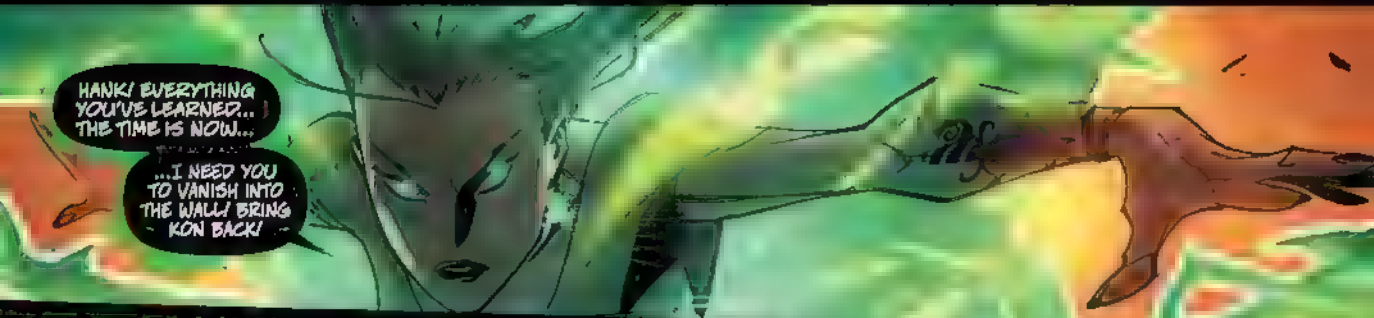
CRACK



URRGHH--



UNNGH!
GET OFF!



HANK! EVERYTHING
YOU'VE LEARNED...
THE TIME IS NOW...

...I NEED YOU
TO VANISH INTO
THE WALL! BRING
KON BACK!

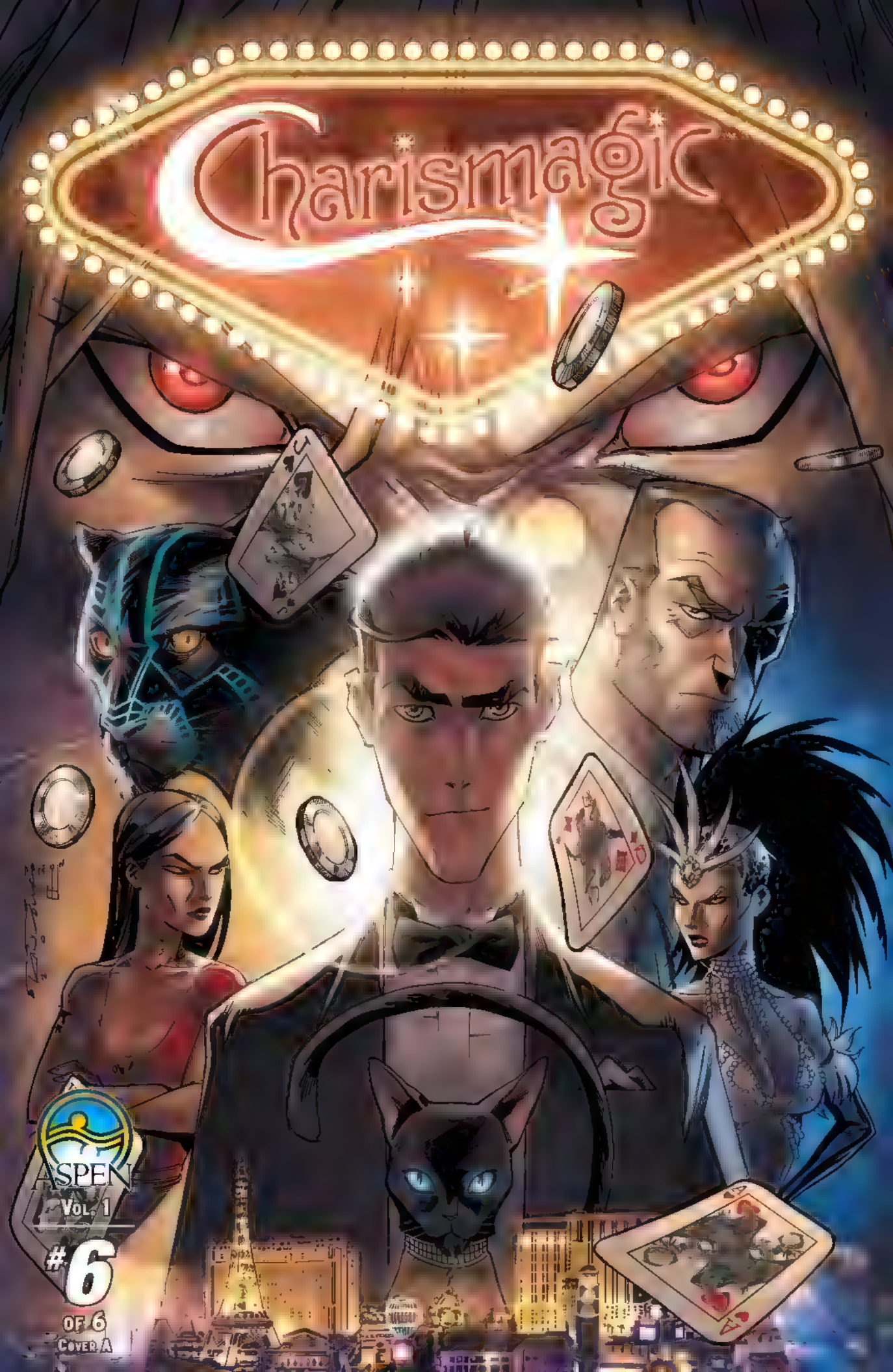


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FROM
SAMSON
THE KNOWLEDGE OF
BECOME IT USING THE
ARRIVING INDO
KILLED TO SPLIT IN OR
HE WIND
GUARDING KON, AS HE WOULD
BATTLE, HANK WAS ABLE TO VANISH
IN SEARCH OF KON, WHILE IN THE TEMPLE
AND SPARKLES WERE BLINDSIDED BY SAMSON'S
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KON, WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU? THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS.

WRRRAAAAAA

...
WHAT THE??



KON?
IS THAT YOU UNDER THERE?



I'LL TAKE THAT AS A YES.
I CAME FOR YOU--

A HUMAN? WHY?

--AND WE'RE LEAVING, LIKE NOW.



YOU
FIGHT WELL
FOR A SIMPLE
DRUID.

SAMSUN...

YOU WERE
EXPECTING
ANOTHER?



I SHOULD HAVE
CONTEMPLATED BETTER
THAN TO ALLOW YOUR
COVEN TO SENTRY OVER
MY POSSESSION.

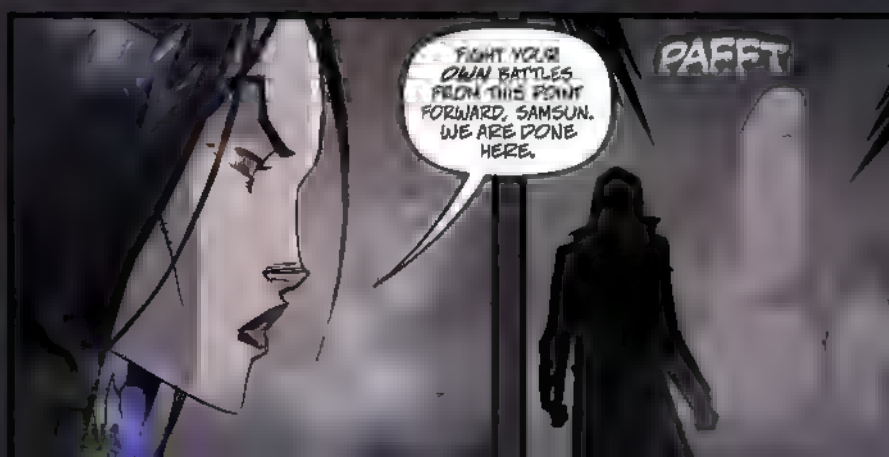


WE ARE NOT YOUR SENTRIES,
ANCIENT ONE. WE ARE OF THE DEROUEN
COVEN. WE AIDED YOU IN ORDER TO HELP
SERVE A HIGHER PURPOSE- AND IT
WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

YOUR NEED TO US
NOW IS NONEXISTENT.
AND WORSE YET, YOUR
CONCEIT HAS COST US
ONE OF OUR OWN'S
BLOOD.



PETRA,
STAY WITH
ME.



FIGHT YOUR
OWN BATTLES
FROM THIS POINT
FORWARD, SAMSUN.
WE ARE DONE
HERE.

PAFFT



COWARDS.

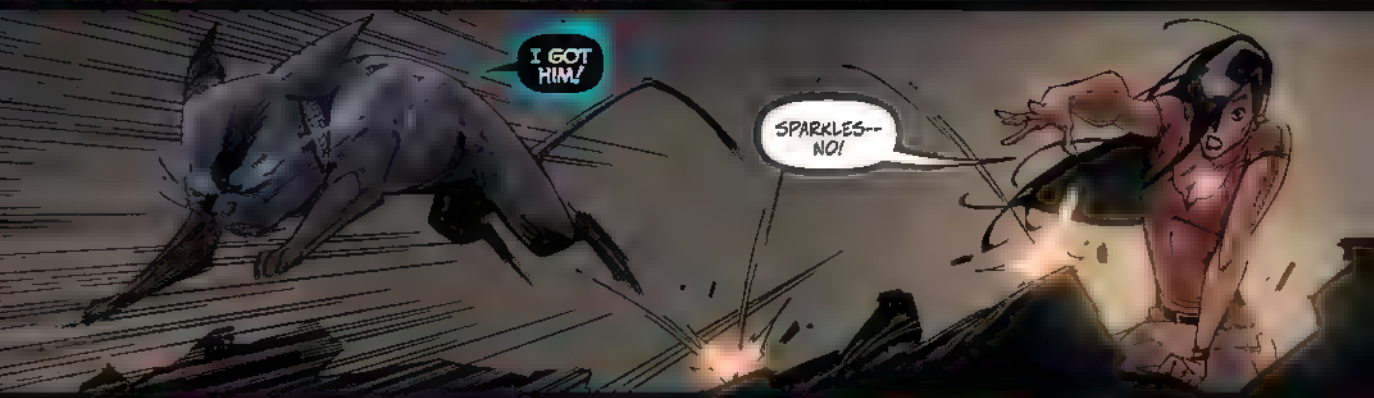
A DIMINUTIVE
LOSS, REGARDLESS.
I WAS GROWING WEARY
OF THEIR INCESSANT
VOICES.

HOWEVER...



...YOUR
SCREAMS I WILL
ENJOY.

SUDANA!

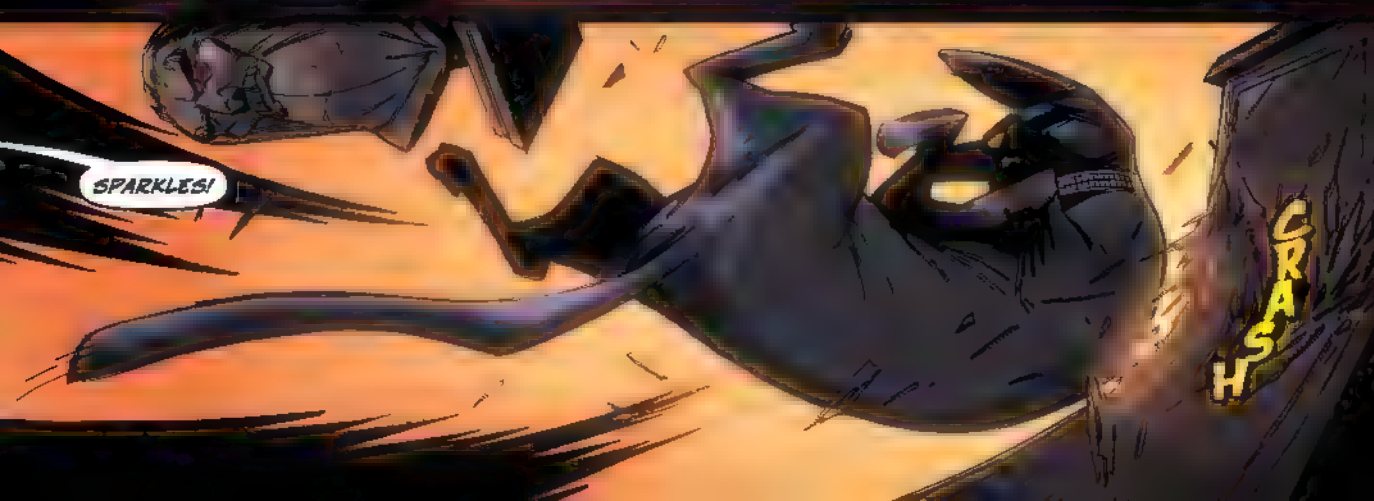


I GOT
HIM!

SPARKLES--
NO!



DOWN!



SPARKLES!

CRASH



HRAH!



UNGH!



DO NOT STRUGGLE,
WEAKLING! YOU HAVE
CHOSEN--

--THE WRONG
FATE.

YOUR MAGIC
IS MINE TO
TAKE!



YOU... ARE
WRONG. I'M NOT
TRYING TO
FIGHT IT.

YOU WANT
MY MAGIC. THEN
TAKE IT--



--ALL OF
IT!



AAAAAAAAAAAA

NEED A WEAPON.

UHHH...

THE VISIONS...
ALL OF... THEM...
SO MANY...

HAD...
ENOUGH?

THE VISIONS...

...PALE IN
COMPARISON TO
WHAT I HAVE CAST
EYES UPON IN MY
LIFETIME.

IF PETTY
MENTAL AMUSEMENT
IS THE EXTENT OF YOUR
MAGIC, YOU SHOULD
SURRENDER YOURSELF
TO THE INEVITABLE.

YOU FIRST.

FOOLISH
CHOICE.



WHAT...?

NOT SO
FAST, EVIL-
DOER!
WE'RE
BACK!

EVIL-DOER?

WHAT? I
THOUGHT THAT'D
BE AN AWESOME
HERO LINE.

SAMSUN!

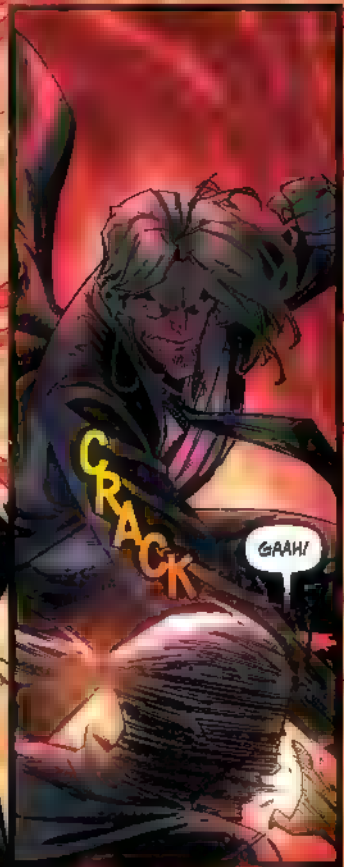
I SHOULD
HAVE FINISHED
YOU AGES AGO. YOUR
FATE'S ARRIVAL HAS
COME!

A VAN'SHER?
I CREDIT YOU, KON. YOU
ARE NEVER A STRANGER
TO REVELATION.

CHOOOON



NOW,
DIE!!!



CRACK

GAAH!



KLUNK

NYAAAH!



HANK! THE
WALL! YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO!



I'M ON
IT!



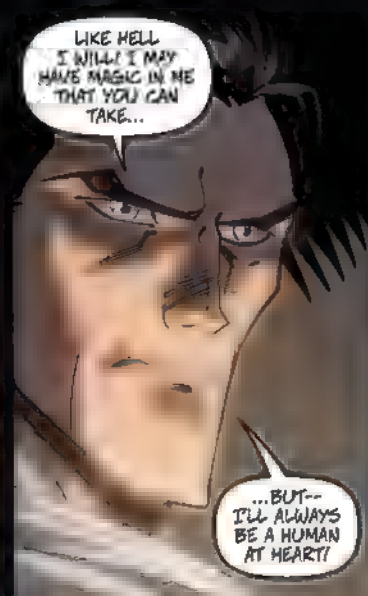
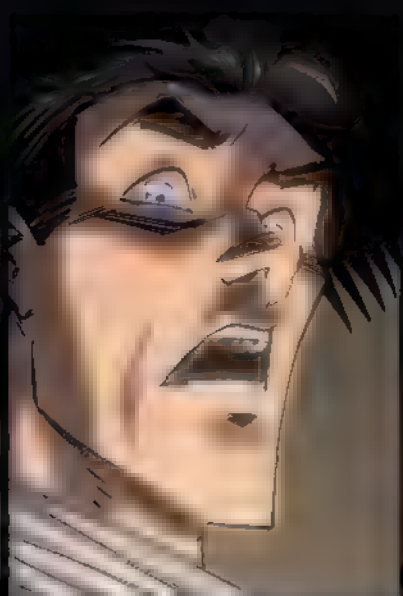
YOU... WILL...
NEVER DEFEAT
ME AGAIN!!!



HAIGH...
YOU... ARE
WRONG!



YOU ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, VANISHER! I HAVE LIVED IN BANISHMENT BEFORE! NOW YOU WILL FEEL ITS WRETCHED CURSE!



--IS FOR
ME!

GRAAA!!!



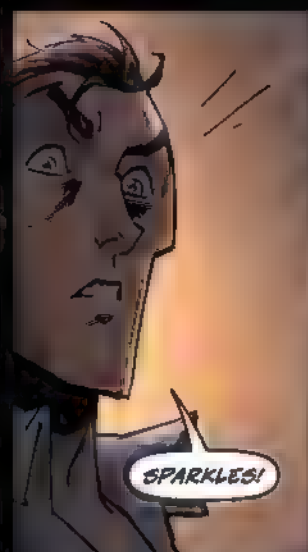


WHOA! I'D SAY
THAT'S MY CUE
TO EXIT STAGE
LEFT.

RRRAAAAWR



IT'S
DONE.



SPARKLES!



--I'LL...
BE OK.



SAMSUN?

HE WON'T
BE RETURNING ANY
TIME SOON, I SHOWED
HIM HOW US HUMANS
SETTLE SCORES.



SUDANA,
YOU CAME TO
MY AID...

...ALL OF
YOU.

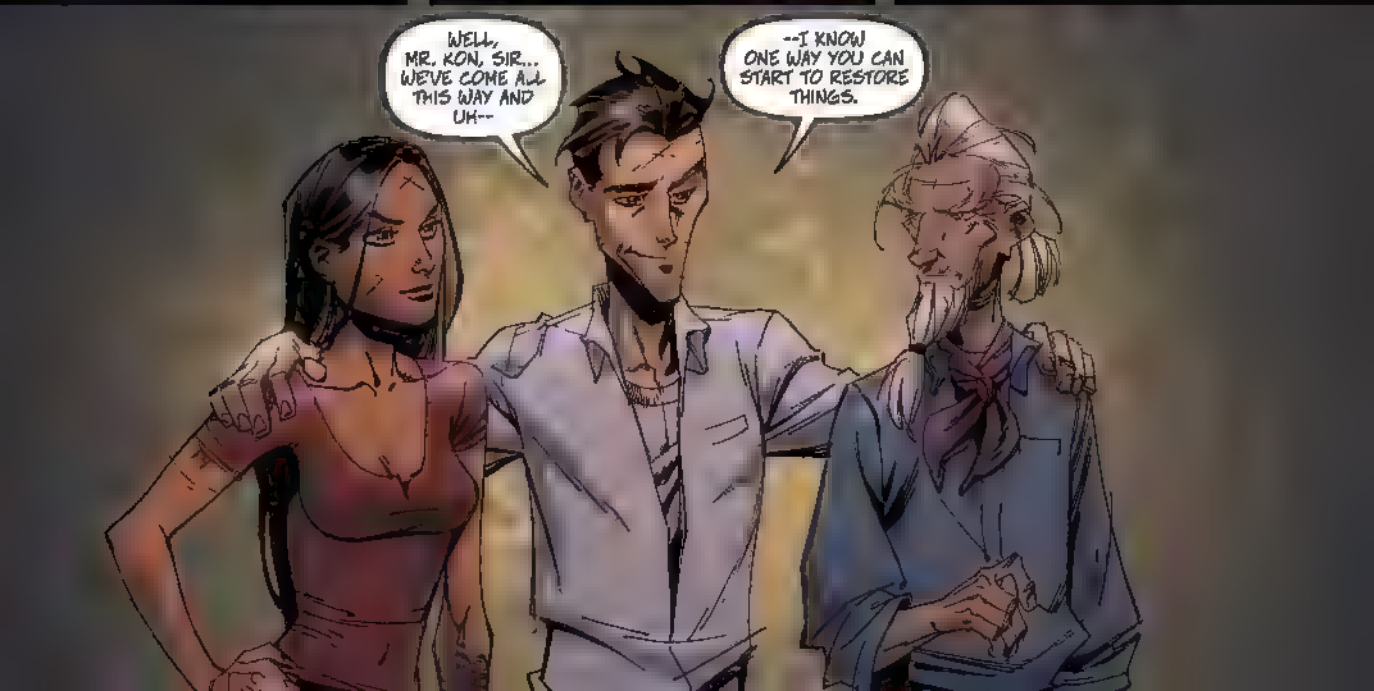
I THANK
YOU.



KON, YOU
ARE MAGIC.
WITHOUT YOU, ALL
HOPE WOULD'VE
BEEN LOST.



MAYBE... BUT, I AM...
REGRETFUL. I HAVE LET
DOWN ALL OF OUR KIND. MY
DECISIONS... LED TO ALL
OF THIS.



WELL,
MR. KON, SIR...
WE'VE COME ALL
THIS WAY AND
UH--

--I KNOW
ONE WAY YOU CAN
START TO RESTORE
THINGS.

THE VOID REALM.

STAY WARM,
ALLE. YOU'VE BEEN
THROUGH A LOT.

I'M TRYING,
HECTOR.

HANK
WILL COME
THROUGH...
... I KNOW
IT.

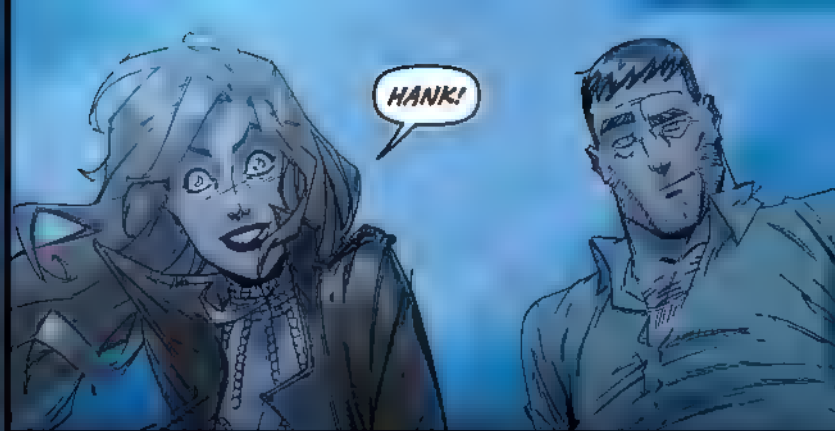
I JUST
WANT IT TO ALL
BE OVER...

SOON
ENOUGH.

SOON--



--DO YOU GUYS
WANNA GO HOME, OR
NOTT WHAT IS THIS
PLACE, ANYWAY?



HANK!

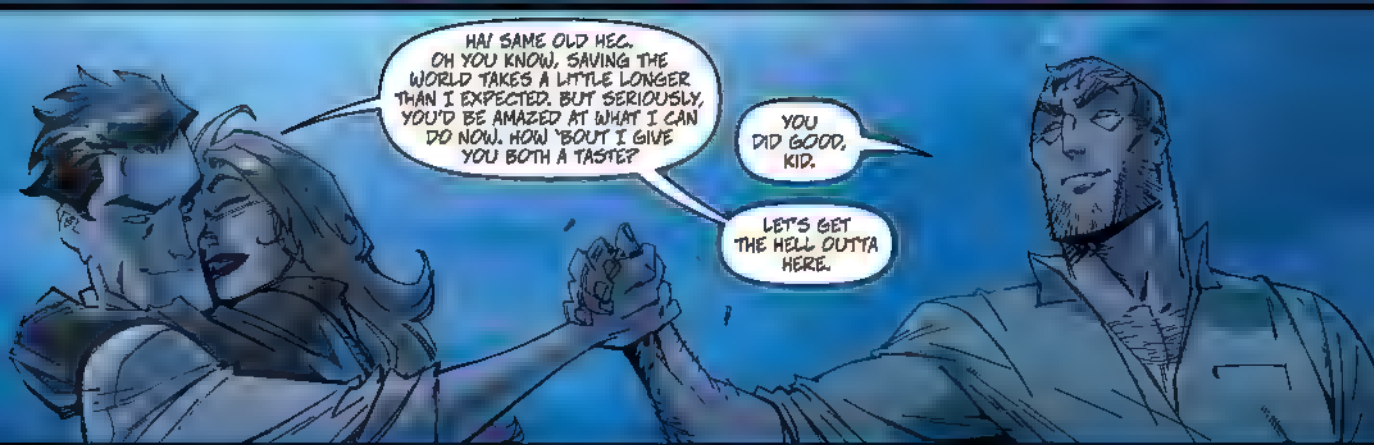


HANK! THANK
GOD!

YOU
FOUND US!
HOW?

WELL IN
THAT CASE,
WHAT TOOK
YOU SO
LONG?

KON. HE
WAS KIND ENOUGH
TO LET ME INTO THIS
LOVELY REALM. AFTER
THAT IT WAS EASY. JUST
HAD TO VISUALIZE YOU
BOTH AND POOF--
MAGIC.



HAI SAME OLD HEC.
OH YOU KNOW, SAVING THE
WORLD TAKES A LITTLE LONGER
THAN I EXPECTED. BUT SERIOUSLY,
YOU'D BE AMAZED AT WHAT I CAN
DO NOW. HOW 'BOUT I GIVE
YOU BOTH A TASTE?

YOU
DID GOOD,
KID.

LET'S GET
THE HELL OUTTA
HERE.



THANK
YOU.



OF
COURSE,
NOW HOLD
ON.



SOME TIME LATER.

LAS VEGAS.

WOW-- I'M
IMPRESSED.



YOU'VE
GOT QUITE AN
APPETITE.



HE'S NOT
SUCH A BAD GUY--
JUST HUNGRY. UNLIKE
HIS FRIEND.

NOM
NOM
NOM.

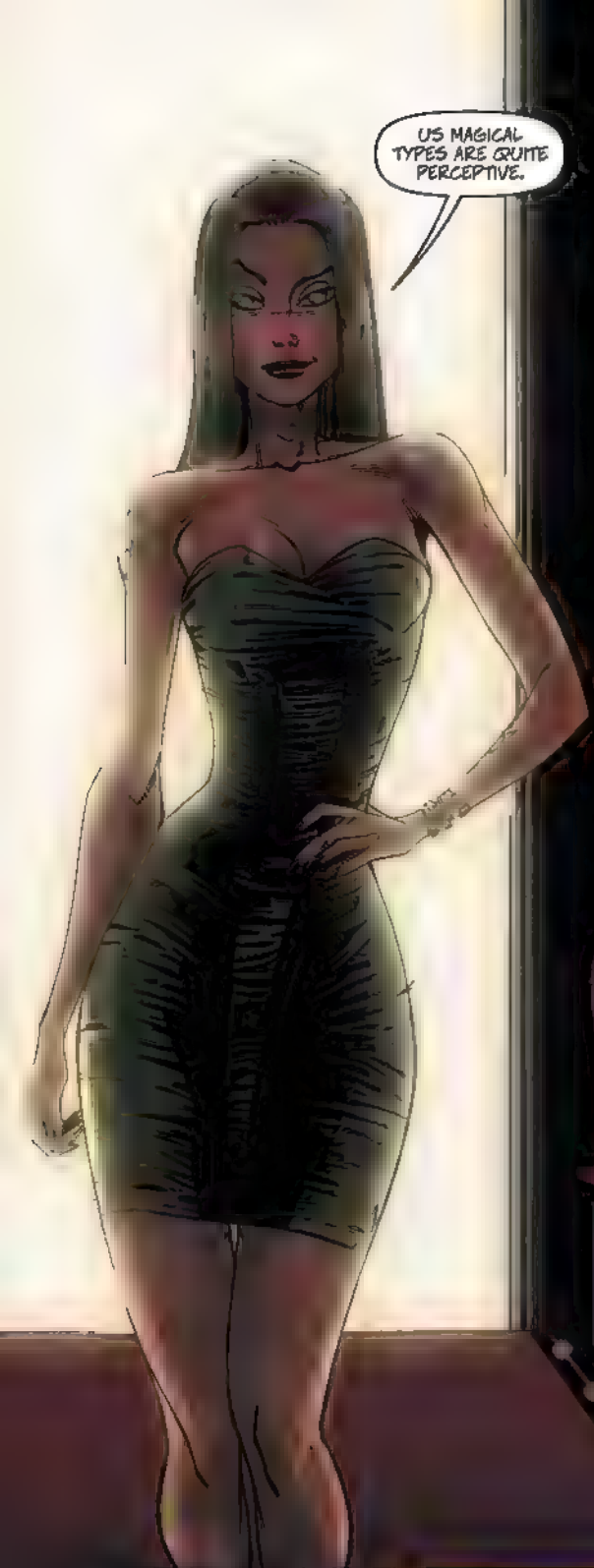


SMALLER
BITES WILL HELP,
BUDDY!



HAI NOT
SURE HE CAN
UNDERSTAND US,
SPARKLES.

YOU'D BE
SURPRISED.



US MAGICAL
TYPES ARE QUITE
PERCEPTIVE.



WOW.

WHAT DO YOU
THINK? FOUND IT IN
ONE OF THE HOTEL SHOPS.
IT'S THE LEAST TRAMPY
OUTFIT THEY HAD.



YOU LOOK...
AMAZING.

WHY, THANK
YOU.

MY
PLEASURE.



I SEE YOU
FOUND ANOTHER
PET.

HEH, YEAH.
MIGHT NEED A
BIGGER SUITE
NOW.



SUDANA,
CAN I ASK YOU
A QUESTION?

SHOOT.

WHAT'S GOING
TO HAPPEN TO THE
REST OF THE HUMANS?
ARE THEY... LOST
FOREVER?



NO,
THEY AREN'T
LOST...

BUT THEIR PATH
WILL NO LONGER BE CLEAR.
KON WILL SPEND THE NEXT SEVERAL
YEARS BRINGING AS MANY BACK HOME
AS HE CAN. IT IS NOT AN EASY PROCESS
EVEN FOR A WIZARD OF HIS
CAPABILITIES.

WHEN THE HUMANS RETURN,
THEY WILL QUESTION THE EVENTS
THAT OCCURRED. WHETHER IT WAS
REAL OR JUST A DREAM.

THEY
WILL RETURN
CONFUSED.

BUT THEIR MEMORIES
UNFORTUNATELY WILL NOT BE
GONE. THOSE WHO PERISHED IN THE
WORLD WILL NEVER COME BACK. THEY
WILL KNOW OF MAGIC'S EXISTENCE
NOW. THE FUTURE... IS TRULY
UNCLEAR AT THIS POINT, FOR
ALL OF US.



SUDANA...

...I OWE
YOU A HUGE THANK
YOU. NOT ONLY FOR
SHOWING ME EVERYTHING
THAT I COULD DO AND
SAVING THE WORLD
AND ALL THAT...
BUT...

...FOR BELIEVING IN ME.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO
EVER HAS-- WELL BESIDES
HECTOR AND SPARKLES, BUT
YOU GET THE IDEA.

HEH,
YEP I GOT
IT.

I KNEW
YOU COULD DO IT,
HANK. I NEVER DOUBTED
THAT. AND YOU'RE
WELCOME.



SPEAKING
OF WHICH, WHERE
IS HECTOR?
AND ALLE?

WELL...

...I HAVEN'T SEEN
HEC SINCE WE GOT BACK TO
VEGAS. HE WAS QUIET, NOT HIS USUAL
SELF. I THINK THE VOID REALLY TOOK A
TOLL ON HIM. HE NEVER DID COME CLEAN
TO ME ABOUT HOW HE WAS ABLE TO OPEN
A PORTAL FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
BUT I GUESS HE'S A PRETTY
RESOURCEFUL GUY.

ALLE... SHE WASN'T
THE SAME EITHER. SOMETHING...
CHANGED BETWEEN US. SHE SAID
SHE NEEDED SPACE. AND ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED, I GUESS I DID TOO.
IT'S JUST TOO DIFFICULT TO GO
BACK LIKE NOTHING EVER
HAPPENED.

I DO HOPE SHE'S
DOING OK. IT'S A DIFFERENT
WORLD OUT THERE NOW. FOR
A GIRL LIKE HER-- WHO KNOWS
WHAT TROUBLE SHE COULD
GET INTO... BUT...



...SHE
WASN'T THE ONE
FOR ME.



...
IS THAT
THE BEST LINE YOU
COULD COME UP WITH? I
THOUGHT YOU WERE AN
ENTERTAINER?

I UH--



WHY DON'T YOU
JUST SHUT UP AND
KISS ME?





EPILOGUE.

THE
TIME HAS
COME.



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MORE HUMANS
ARE RETURNING EVERY
HOUR, BUT THEY ARE
HERE AS WELL.

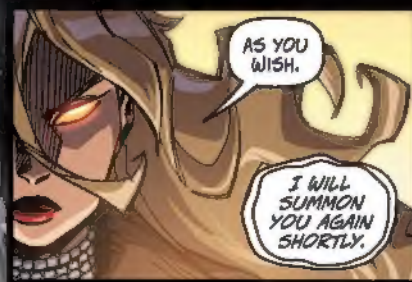


DO NOT
WORRY...



...THE
PREPARATIONS
ARE COMPLETE,
MASTER.

EXCELLENT. YOU
BOTH HAVE DONE WELL
UNDER MY GUIDANCE. SAMSUN
OPENED THE GATEWAY TO YOUR
REALM, BUT YOU TWO WILL
LEAD THE REVOLUTION. YOU
WILL BE MY GREATEST
ACHIEVEMENT.



AS YOU
WISH.

I WILL
SUMMON
YOU AGAIN
SHORTLY.



THEY ARE
HERE.

YES.

FINALLY,
HECTOR... I
HAVE FOUND
PURPOSE...

...WITH OUR
ARMY...

